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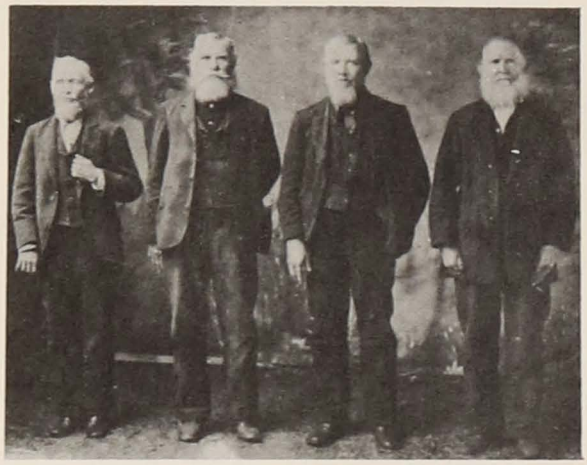

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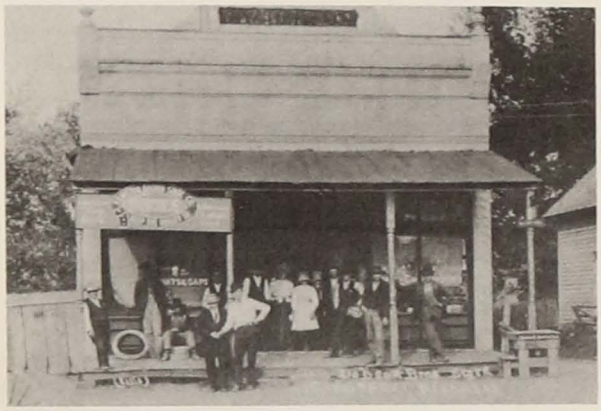

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WCHS OFFICERS GIVE REPORT AT ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Washington County Historical Society was held January 23 at the Mountain Inn with 75 members in attendance. President Roy A. Scott presided and introduced the speaker, O.E. Williams, who sketched the careers of such early-day lawyers as the Walkers, the Wilsons, Pittman, Gregg, Davis, and others.

President Scott, who has been handling the Society's finances since the departure of Secretary Carter for Turkey, submitted the following financial report:

Balance as of Sept.1, 1960	$1, 035.35	
Book sales and 1961 memberships.	1,323 .40	
		$2,358.75
Expenditures, including December bonus book.		1,195.69
Balance as of Jan.23, 1961		$1,163.06

All bills paid to date.

President Scott announced the election of the following to the Board of Directors: Gus Eidson, John A. Reed, Harmon L. Remmel, L.W.Searcy, and Charles W. Stewart Jr. The hold-over directors are Miss Grace Albright, Fred McCuistion, Dr.Fount Richardson, O.E.Williams. The Board named the following officers for 1961: President, Tom C. Feathers; vice-president, Roy A. Scott; secretary, W.J.Lemke.

Following the president's report, Editor W.J.Demke reported that the Society had published five issues of Flashback during the past year. All were double numbers, three of them containing 60 pages each. The December issue was an experiment in pictorial history, as well as a bonus for prompt payment of 1961 membership dues. The Society also published four booklets, of which two are still available -- "The William Wilson Records" ($3) and "Capt.E.G.Miller of the 20th Wisconsin Regiment" ($2). Editor Lemke expressed his thanks to the members who helped gather material and write articles and to those who assisted in printing, assembling and mailing.

After the formal program a "book sale" was held, Some 200 donated books were sold at 10 cents each, adding $20 to the Society's "special equipment" fund.

The January 23 meeting marked the end of ten years of historical activity by the Washington County Historical Society. The new president and board will announced their 1961 plans in a special March news letter.

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NOTES FROM OUR SOCIETY OFFICE ON SMOKY ROW

February 22, Washington's birthday, was a red-letter day in the history of our Society. On that day, Mrs. Harold Duggar came into the office, upstairs at 12 E. Center Street, laid down three one-dollar bills, and became the 400th member of our Society. She is the daughter of the late Judge Witt Carter. This is the first time in our 10-year history that we have attained a membership of 400. It is a nice feeling for your directors to know that there are 400 folks who are willing to invest $3 in remembering the men and women who made our county great. And it's comforting for your officers to know that there is $1,200 in the bank with which to operate in 1961.

---WCHS---

In answer to our call for back numbers of FLASHBACK and our booklet series, Dr. and Mrs. P. L. Hathcock presented to the Society an almost complete file of FLASHBACK for ten years. Several persons donated single copies of our early booklets. The first name on our "Want List" was that of Mrs. Hazel Deal, Washington County librarian, who had been trying for some time to complete files of our WCHS publications for both the Fayetteville and Springdale public libraries. As a result of Mrs. Hathcock's interest and Mrs. Deal's persistence, both libraries now have a complete file of FLASHBACK and lack only a few numbers of our booklet series. One of the missing booklets is our reprint of Rhea's "Thirty Years in Arkansaw." We published this booklet ten years ago.

---WCHS---

Mrs. J.S. Bates has just presented her complete 10-year file of FLASHBACK to the Society. These copies, along with those contributed some weeks ago by her sister, Mrs. P.L. Hathcock, will enable us to furnish missing numbers for several University and private libraries. Send us your want list. Back numbers from 1951 to 1958 are 50 cents each. Numbers published in 1959 and 1960 are $1 each. We have 16 copies left of the December 1960 all-picture issue. These will go to the first 16 persons who send us $3 for 1961 membership.

---WCHS---

Our Society has purchased a Gestetner duplicating machine. The salesman who installed the machine is Mark Hanna, who is a descendant of the pioneer Hanna family of the Middle Fork of White River. Many of his kin are buried in the WhiteHouse cemetery. The duplicating machine, already installed in the Society's office at 12½ E. Center street, Fayetteville, is available to any of our members who wish to use it. If you can type, you can cut a stencil. And if you can cut a stencil, you can run off copies on the Society's duplicating machine.

---WCHS---

Several hundred books from the old Lawson home at the corner of College and Dickson, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wood, were placed on display at the Society's office. Local school librarians were invited to choose any that they could use. The librarian of Woodland Junior High picked a 15-volume set of Carlyle's works. Mr. and Mrs. J.K. Gregory paid the Society $10 for this set -- a gift to Fayetteville's newest school. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks of Bates Elementary School selected other volumes for their school library. There are 100 books remaining that the Society will be glad to donate to any school that can use them.

---WCHS---

THE SHUMATE FAMILY

by Marian Carter Ledgerwood

The Shumates were among the earlier families to settle in northwestern Arkansas, and today there are many of their descendants and kindred living in Washington County and surrounding territory. It would be impossible for the author to list a complete genealogy of the descendants of this family in this article; therefore, only a few branches with which the author is more familiar are discussed. However, an effort is being made to compile as complete a history as possible of the Shumate family, as well as the Balls and other allied families. Therefore, the author would appreciate correspondence from interested persons.

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The history of the Shumate family is an interesting one, and it may come as a surprise to other descendants (as it did to me) to learn that the family was originally French Huguenot, and when they came to Virginia before 1720, the name was de la Shumate. The earliest known record of Shumates in America is found in Stafford County, Virginia, when Jean de la Shumate bought 200 acres of land from William Allen in 1723.[1] Most of the Stafford County records have been destroyed, so research there is difficult. However, we know that the Shumates lived on a stream known as Elk Run, and their land was in what is now the southeast part of Fauquier County, near the junction of Stafford and Prince William counties.

Jean de la Shumate, the immigrant, apparently had at least two sons: Daniel de la Shumate, born about 1715 in France (probably the one whose inventory was made in Fauquier County in 1785[2]); and Jean de la Shumate, whose will was made in Fauquier County, May 19, 1783.[3] This John Shumate married Judith Bayley before 1750 in Fauquier County, and they had several children named: William, John, Joshue, Daniel, Thomas, James, Bailey, Lettice, and Jemima.

The early de la Shumates were neighbors of Mark Hardin, also a French Huguenot who came from Rouen, France about 1706, and we find their names together on early deeds, wills, etc. It is not known if any of the Shumates intermarried with the Hardins, but it is thought possible as the name Hardin Humate was a common one (and we find at least two men of this name in Washington County, Arkansas 1880 census). Also, the name Mark was frequently used among Shumates (likewise, we find several Mark Shumates in the Arkansas branch of the family).

About 1770, the name was shortened to Shumate. After the Revolution, many Shumates fanned out into other Virginia counties, and some even moved to South Carolina.

We do not know, yet, how our Shumate family is derived from the early Shumates, but it seems apparent they are connected with the original Shumates of Fauquier County, Virginia, because of use of the more common names -- William, John, Hardin, Daniel, and Mark.

The earliest Shumate of our own branch, of whom we have positive record, was BAYLESS SHUMATE, born about 1786 in Virginia[4]. (I find his name spelled variously: Bales, Bailis, Balias, Baliss, and Bayles.)

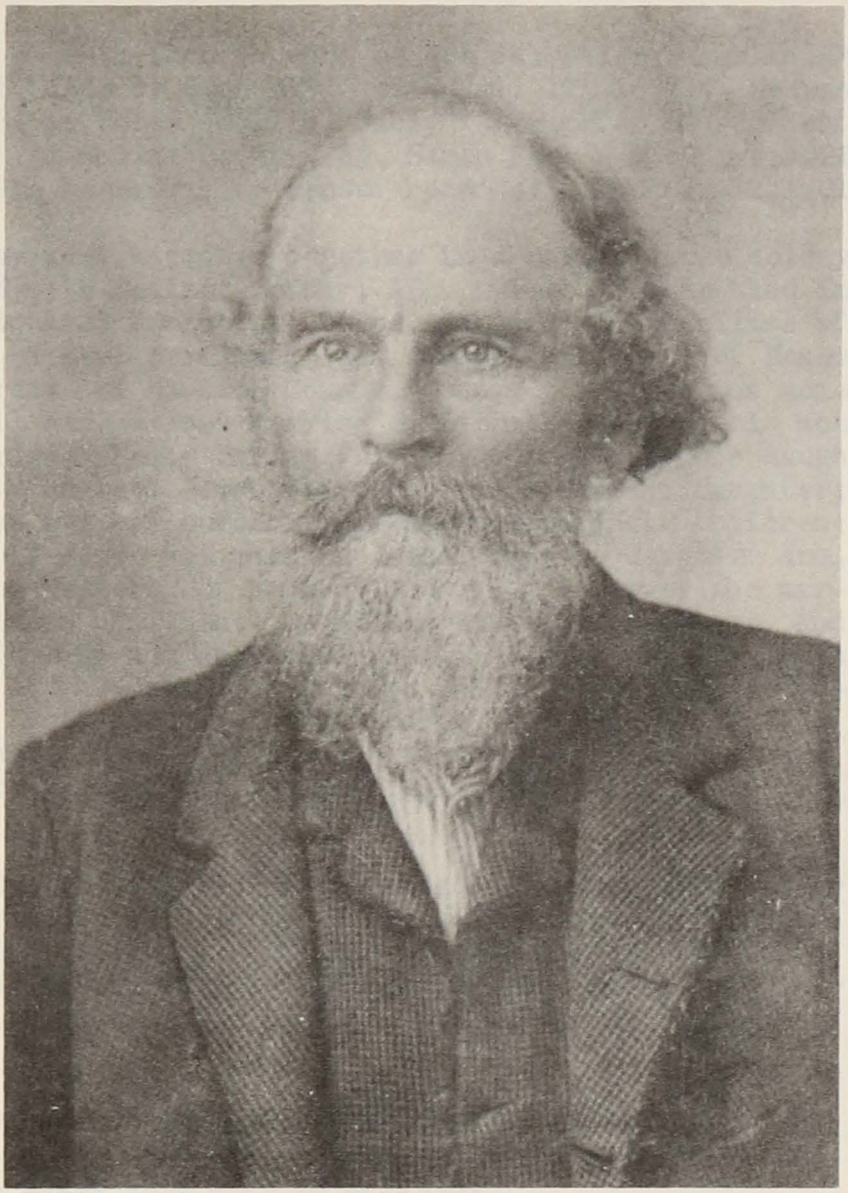
It seems likely that he was a son of MARK SHUMATE, whose will dated July 29, 1838, was made in Claiborne County, Tenn.[5] In this will, Mark Shumate names his wife, Deborah, and daughters: Mary, Susan C., Sally Martin, Judith Harris, Elizabeth and Patcey. Also his sons: Bales, John, Daniel, William, Demarcus, Thomas, and Hardin. We have been told that a brother of Bayless, named Daniel, came to Arkansas. As yet we have found no record of him. It is my opinion that the brother William is the one who is shown in Dade County, Missouri in the 1850 census with his wife Clarissa and children. Hardin Shumate is apparently one of the two by that name who is shown in Washington County, Ark. in 1880 census, also in 1870. The other Harden Shumate of 1880 census in Washington County is thought to be son of William Shumate of Dade County, Missouri, as was a Wylie Shumate of 1860 census in Washington County.

Bayless Shumate married (1) Mary (Polly) Turner, daughter of William Turner and Susannah Bailey.[6] They had two sons: (A) William Shumate, about whom more is written; (B) Mark H. Shumate who moved to Cass County, Missouri. In 1817 Bayless and family were living in Lee County, Virginia,[7] but apparently had lived earlier in Kentucky, as their son William is credited with having been born in Kentucky in 1812, according to census records. We find Bayless in Harlan County, Ky. in 1830 census, showing him to be between 40-50 years of age, and having two males of 15-20 years in his household, but no females listed. Apparently his wife had died before 1830. Family tradition has it that she drowned while attempting to cross a swollen stream to see a sister's sick child. On Oct. 13, 1833, Balis Shumate married (2) Mary (Polly) Hendrickson,[8] widow of Thomas Hendrickson. This wife came to Arkansas with him.

It is thought that Bayless Shumate came to Madison County, Arkansas, about 1846, for we find that he bought land in Richland Township in that year.[9] There is record of his selling some land in Madison County in Sept. 1847, with his wife Mary (both made their "marks").[10] They were shown in the 1850 census record of Madison County. We do not know when his second wife died. Soon after 1850, Bayless moved into Washington County. He bought the farm then known as the Eads farm, near Durham. Later he bought what was for a time known as the Shively farm near Harris, Ark., and, according to a great-granddaughter, he is buried in one of two unmarked graves on that farm.

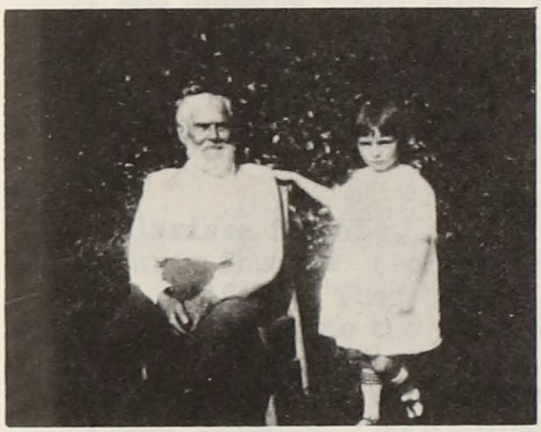
Bayless Shumate is supposed to have been a man of "considerable wealth" -- the 1850 census shows that his real estate was valued at $3,000, which was indeed a considerable amount in that time. Also, he brought negro slaves with him to Arkansas, according to family tradition.

When Bayless came to Madison County, he brought with him his adopted daughter, Mildred Fulkerson (born Nov. 13, 1831; died Feb. 25, 1873), who had been born in Tennessee near the Cumberland Gap.[11] On Oct. 26, 1848, Mildred Fulkerson was married to John Kennan (born Sept. 25, 1823 in Missouri), who was 25 years of age. She was about 17. They settled on the Lollar's Creek farm, near Draketown, which had belonged to Bayless Shumate. Mildred is buried in Wesley Cemetery. To her and John Kennan were born seven children: (1) Harriet married Jim Wilson; (2) Martha married Bill Roberts; (3) Fannie married Pleasant Phillips; (4) W. A. married Margaret Parker; (5) Will married Chartie Hall; (6) John married Emile Lane; (7) Cora married Willis Sharp. A son of W.A.



BAYLESS SHUMATE
Washington County Pioneer

Confederate Soldier
Stirman's Bn., 34th Arkansas Regt.



At age 90, with his
great-granddaughter

(Alex) Kennan is W.M.Kennan, who is still living. His son, J.R.Kennan, is living in Fayetteville, Ark., where he is County School supervisor.

The son of Bayless Shumate through whom we are descended was WILLIAM SHUMATE (born Nov. 21, 1813 in Kentucky; died Jan. 12, 1877). He was married April 7, 1832 to Sarah (Sallie) Ball,[12] daughter of Bennett Ball and Nancy Bailey of Harlan County, Ky. Sarah Ball was born Dec.22 1817 (or possibly 1812, according to census records); died Mar.12,1901.

In 1837 several families migrated together in a rather large colony from Harlan County, Ky. to Madison County, Ark., where they settled in what was known as Richland Township. These included the families of Bailey, Bob Reeges, Samuel Herriman, and Bennett Ball (son of Moses Ball and Mary Ann Hardin of Hawkins County, Tenn.), and perhaps more friends. Bennett Ball had several married children, including his son John Ball with his bride, Nancy Bailey (his first cousin); his daughter Mary (Polly) with husband James Sizemore and an infant daughter; a daughter Jane(Jenny) and her husband William Lewis and six children; a daughter Elizabeth (Betsy) who married James Gray; a daughter Ann, who later married John Masters of Madison County; a daughter who married a Creech; and other children, including his daughter Sarah and her husband William Shumate and two small sons. A great deal is known about the background of the family of Bennett Ball, and a book is being prepared on the Ball genealogy (including our Bennett Ball's branch) by Mrs. Bonnie S. Ball of Haysi, Virginia. Those who are descended from the above-mentioned families will be interested in this family history.

William and Sarah Shumate settled first in Madison County, but after about 12 years, they moved to a farm of several hundred acres on the White River in Washington County. William Shumate died at the age of 63 years. He is buried in the Shumate Cemetery on the family farm near Durham, beside his wife, Sarah Ball Shumate, who was about 90 years of age when she died.

Children of William Shumate and Sarah Ball Shumate were:

1. Bayless Shumate, about whom more is written in this article.
2. Bennett Shumate, about whom more is written.
3. William Shumate, about whom more is written.
4. James Shumate (born about 1840 in Madison County, Ark.). This son is shown in census records, but I have been unable to learn anything at all about him.
5. Ann Shumate (born about 1842)[13] married J.F. Ballard (born about 1840). They had no children, but brought up an orphaned Shumate boy, whose father was of some relation to the family. This boy was:
    a. John Shumate (probably born about 1880) who lived all his life at Elkins, Ark. He married Suzie Harriss.
6. Clarissa Shumate, about whom more is written.
7. Nancy Shumate (born about 1849) married Sam Cooper (born about 1849). They had no children of their own, but brought up a sister to the above-mentioned orphan boy:
    a. Ida Shumate, married a man by name of Frye and moved to Idaho.
8. Mark Shumate (born about 1856), never married. He lived near Farmington, Ark., and he and his mother brought up another brother of the above-mentioned orphaned Shumate children:
    a. "Bud" Shumate

BAYLESS SHUMATE, my great-grandfather, was born in Harlan County, Ky. There is some uncertainty as to his birth date. According to his tombstone, he was born Feb. 17, 1835. In the Confederate Veterans Census of 1911, he stated his birth date was Feb. 17, 1834. However, U.S. Census Records indicate that he was probably born in 1833, and this would concur with the family report that he was 95 years of age when he died Dec. 18, 1927. In 1837, he came with his family to Arkansas, where he lived the remainder of his life. At the age of 19, he married (1) Nancy Homesley. They had three children before she died about 1859. These children of Bayless and Nancy Homesley Shumate were:

a. Viola Shumate (born Oct. 1, 1854), who married a man named Perry and moved to Texas. The family later heard that she and her family had been killed by a tornado, but the report was never verified.

b. Sarah J. Shumate (born Dec. 9, 1856) married George Thomas and moved to Oklahoma.

c. William Shumate (born Jan. 14, 1858) married Emily Tollett and lived near Farmington, Ark. He had several children, including sons Thomas, Montgomery, and Bryan; a daughter who married Wes Clayton; and another daughter, Fannie, who married a Mr. Wood.

After the death of his first wife, Bayless Shumate renewed his acquaintance with Elizabeth Cole (born Dec. 22, 1839; died Dec. 28, 1934 -- age 95), a young widow who was about 20 years old, who lived at Combs, Ark. Elizabeth's parents, James and Edith Jane Montgomery Cole, owned an inn and stock pen, where farmers would spend the night when driving their stock across the country. William Shumate teased his son and Elizabeth when young Bayless was only a teen-ager, saying they could marry some day. So, on Feb. 23, 1860, they were married in Washington County, Ark. The story is told that they set out on horseback to find the minister. They met the minister on the road, so he agreed to marry them then and there -- in the middle of the road, on horseback! We have been told that they lived for a time in Madison County, although the 1860 census shows them in Washington County.

Bayless served 3 years in the Civil War in the 34th Arkansas Cavalry CSA, under Colonel Brooks and Lt.Col. Stirman. He was Honorably Discharged on June 1, 1865. The story is told that, while he was away at war, bushwhackers came to the house where Elizabeth was living with her two infant sons, James and John, on the White River near Durham. They told her they were going to burn the house, and she must leave. She did as she was told, though one relative tells that she hit one of the bushwhackers over the head with a skillet and "laid him out cold" in her yard. They did burn thehouse, and Elizabeth walked and carried her two small boys to the home of her mother near Delaney, some 8 or 10 miles distant. Bayless didn't seem to hold grudges about such offenses in later years, but his wife refused to have anything to do with the people who had wronged her. Bayless always treasured his Civil War Confederate uniform, and had his picture made in it around the turn of the century.

Bayless Shumate was a Mason. He was a Charter Member of the Sylva Lodge No. 282 at Maguire's Store, which was chartered Jan. 7, 1873. He was also a member of the Knights of the Horse, the anti-horse thief organization. He was always proud of being a staunch Democrat.

Children of Bayless and Elizabeth Cole Shumate included:

a. James Harlan Shumate (born Dec. 9, 1860) married Cora Ratliff. He died of pneumonia after the age of 80. One daughter, Ella J., married (1) Audie Lewis -- they had two children; (2) Homer Harris -- they had one son.

b. John Bayless Shumate (born May 27, 1862) married Nora Ratliff, twin sister of Cora. Uncle John died recently -- Sept. 11, 1960, at the age of 98. He had three children: (1) Dessie, a son; (2) Callie (Mrs. F.C.Pyeatt of Big Cabin, Okla.); (3) Elizabeth (Mrs. John Gaines of Prairie Grove, Ark.).

c. Clarissa Anne Shumate (born Dec.8, 1864) was married, at the age of 16, to James Benton. They moved first to Western Kansas, and, with the run, into Oklahoma, where they lived at Alva. Her children included: (1) Harry Benton (who married Esther Jones, my aunt); (2) Callie; (3) Carrie; (4) Ida; (5) Lee; (6) Nellie.

d. Edith Jane Shumate (born June 7, 1872 at Durham, Ark.; died Sept. 6, 1922 at Wagoner, Okla.) was married on Feb. 22, 1891 to William Ambrose Jones (born Aug. 24, 1869; died Sept. 30, 1942), son of Charles Matthew Jones and Esther Clark Jones of Washington County. They had five children: (1) Ella Mae Jones married Von Carter, son of Dr. George W. Carter and Winnie E. Campbell Carter (these are my parents, living in Muskogee, Okla.)-- five children; (2) Esther Elizabeth Jones married Harry Benton, her cousin -- living near Enid, have 3 children; (3) Ida Anna Jones married William Doss Williams and lived in Westville, Okla. until his death -- she now lives in Tulsa -- two children, one of whom is deceased; (4) Clifford Silas Jones married Jewel Robinson -- living in Siloam Springs, Ark. -- six children; (5) William Carl Jones married Kate Springston -- live in San Bruno, Calif. (suburb of San Francisco) -- one son.

e. Ida Bell Shumate (born Feb. 13, 1875; died 1948) married Charles "Buck" Ratliff, a cousin to Nora and Cora Ratliff. "Uncle Buck" is still living at Prairie Grove, Ark., where they lived all their married life. Ida died at age of 73. They had three children: (1) Herbert Ratliff, living in Tulsa, Okla.; (2) Edith Ratliff married Clifford Matthews -- their only son died in an airplane wreck in France at the end of World War II; (3) Herman Ratliff, who died of a heart attack in 1957.

f. Bennett Mark Shumate (born Nov. 13, 1878; died Aug. 3, 1959) married Mary Ratliff, sister of Charles Ratliff. He resided on the old Shumate farm until his death. His children included: (1) Emma Shumate married James Ramey, live in Fayetteville; (2) Richard (Dick) Shumate married Maud Collins; he died in 1923 leaving two sons and one daughter; (3) Golda Shumate married Dodge Brink; (4) Millie Shumate married John Harris, living at Little Rock, Ark.

BENNETT SHUMATE was born about 1836 in Harlan County, Ky., and came with his parents to Arkansas in 1837. He was first married to Elizabeth Ballard, and they had one son, Lee, who died of pneumonia in 1837 when he was almost grown. After the death of Elizabeth, Bennett was married on April 5, 1868 to Charity Van Hoose, daughter of John J. Van

Hoose and Rachel Mills. Bennett also served in the Civil War, in Co.K, Stirman's Arkansas Cavalry, from April 1862 to May 1865.[14] He was also a Charter Member of the Maguire's Store Masonic Lodge. According to his Civil War pension record, he died on July 29, 1884. He left his widow and several children, including:

a. John, married Elizabeth Ratliff, sister of Nora and Cora.
b. George
c. Mark married Sadie Robbins
d. Nannie Shumate married Silas Jones, brother to my grandfather, William A. Jones. They lived many years near Boynton, Okla., and raised a large family. I am told that she is now living in Wewoka, Okla., with a daughter.
e. Lizzie Shumate married Herbert H. Benbrook. He died on April 28, 1958. She is now living at Farmington, Ark. They had three children: (1) Jewel, who married first Albert Hamblen and second, Frank D. Giles; (2) Mildred married Ray Murphy, live in Tulsa; (3) Clyde Raymond, who was killed in action in World War II on July 3, 1944 in France.
f. Nora Shumate married Henry McCuistion. A son, Linley, was killed in World War I, and is buried in the Shumate cemetery near Durham, Ark. Nora died when Linley was a small child.

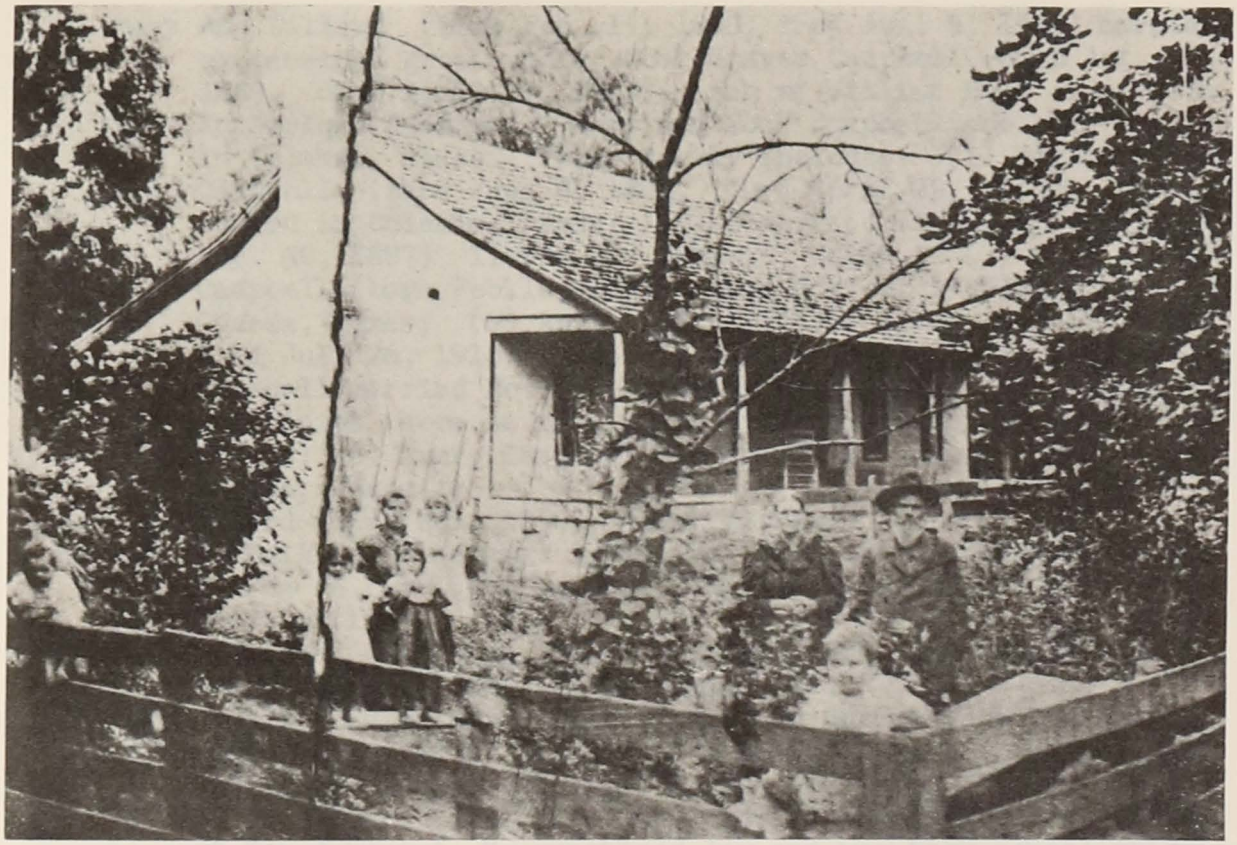
WILLIAM "Little Bill" SHUMATE (born about 1839, died 1864), married about 1863, Martha Elizabeth White (born Sept. 11, 1848; died Jan. 2, 1933), when she was about 15 years of age. She was daughter of John S. White and Mary Ann Maloy. They had one daughter, Nancy Jane Shumate, who was but six weeks old when her father was killed in June 1864, in Civil War fighting near Wesley, Ark., where he was buried.

a. Nancy Jane Shumate (born April 29, 1864, died May 11, 1950) was married on July 25, 1880 to Benjamin LaFayette Williams (born Jan. 22, 1856, died Jan. 21, 1894), son of Tasel Sidney Williams and Margaret Ellen Campbell. They settled near McKinney, Texas, where they both are buried. They had four sons: (1) Oscar Eugene Williams married Mattie Eagle -- he is now living in Fayetteville and has two sons living in Fayetteville. (See article by Oscar E. Williams in this issue); (2) William Sidney Williams married Myrtle Coleman and had two sons and one daughter. The daughter died when almost grown. "Sid" Williams died July 15, 1960; (3) Hubert Earl Williams died at Parker, Texas in the summer of 1890; (4) Guy Ellsworth Williams married Fay Adams. They live in Little Rock, Ark. He is Chancery Judge and former Attorney-General of Arkansas. They have two children, a son and a daughter.

After the death of her husband, Nancy Jane Shumate Williams married William Millican and had two daughters: (1) Beulah Millican married Ray Williams (no relation) -- she has a son and two daughters; (2) Maybelle Millican married Luther James Rollins. They have 3 sons.

CLARISSA SHUMATE (born about 1847, died Feb. 1932) married Andrew Jackson Ballard (born about 1838 in Alabama, died Jan. 1922), son of George and Elizabeth Ballard, who came to Arkansas about 1844. Their children included:

a. Sarah Elizabeth Ballard (born June 8, 1866, died Jan. 6, 1959), who never married. She lived at Fayetteville, and is buried at Durham, Ark.



THE SHUMATE HOME AT DURHAM, ARK. 1897
Left to right:
Edith Shumate Jones holding Esther Jones.
Eliza Shumate, daughter of John
Ella Janes
Nora Ratliff Shumate, wife of John,
holding daughter, Callie.
Elizabeth Cole Shumate
Bayless Shumate in his Confederate uniform
Herbert Ratliff, son of Ida Shumate Ratliff

At right:
Clarissa Shumate Ballard,
daughter of Wm. Shumate

At left:
Three generations:

1. Mary Ann Maloy White
2. Martha Elizabeth Baswell (widow of "Little Bill" Shumate).
3. Nancy Jane Williams, (daughter of "Little Bill" Shumate).

b. Mary Ann Ballard (born Feb. 15, 1868, died Aug. 9, 1926) married my paternal great-uncle, Noel Graves Campbell (born Aug. 23, 1859, died April 29, 1909), son of William Hugh and Julia Rutherford Campbell. Mary and Noel Campbell are both buried in Coleman, Texas. Their family includes: (1) William Hugh Campbell (born June 8, 1886, died April 23, 1918), who is buried in Coleman, Texas; (2) Deverette Glen Campbell (born Aug. 30, 1887) living at Oakland, Calif.; (3) Otta Dester Campbell (born Feb118, 1891, died Nov. 9, 1953), buried in Odessa, Texas; (4) Arlie Leah Campbell (born Aug. 11, 1893, died July 26, 1916) buried in Coleman, Texas; (5) Clara Julia Campbell married Rev.J.W.McKinney and isnow living in Coleman, Texas where he is a minister in the Disciples of Christ church; (6) Avery Campbell married W. L. Auten, and lives in Odessa, Texas.

c. Jim Ballard (died Nov. 1950), never married.

d. John W. Ballard (died Jan. 1938), married Ida Johnson who is now living in Fayetteville, Ark. Their son is John F. Ballard of Fayetteville.

e. George Ballard (died Aug. 1908), married Mamie Deiser and had one son, George Ballard of Fort Smith, Ark.

f. Jerod Ballard (died March 1956), married Stella Patilla, had two sons: (1) Jack L. Ballard of Denison, Texas; (2) Collom B. Ballard of Sulphur Springs, Texas.

g. Ben Calvin Ballard (died Dec.1946), married Elsie Johnson (sister of Ida Johnson). He practiced law and was high school principal at Okemah, Okla. His widow is now remarried to Charles "Buck" Ratliff. Ben and Elsie Ballard had two sons: (1) Ben C. Ballard, Jr., of San Mateo, Calif.;(2) Charles E. Ballard of Garland, Texas.

h. Lydia Ballard, only living child of Clarissa Shumate Ballard, now lives at Marked Tree, Ark. She married Jesse G. Waskom, and had children: (1) Clara Iva Lee Waskom; (2) Jesse Waskom Jr.

Last of the "Carnahan Girls" Joins Her Pioneer Ancestors

On Oct. 21, 1956, some 200 members of the WCHS and friends journeyed to Avoca to help "the Carnahan girls" celebrate their birthdays. The honorees on that occasion were

Mrs. Evalyn Carnahan Quaile on her 95th birthday
Mrs. MaryClem Carnahan Moore on her 93rd birthday
Mrs. Susan Carnahan Rogers on her 89th birthday

They were the daughters of Jacob Preston Carnahan, long-time teacher in old Cane Hill College. Those present at that birthday party will never forget the three charming ladies, daughters of the Old South, as they greeted their friends on the front porch of their home. Now, just four short years later, all three of "the Carnahan girls" are gone. The last to go was Mrs. Moore. She was laid to rest Jan.14 in the old Cane Hill burying ground. She was a "war baby" - born in 1864.

State Meeting at Camden in May

The WCHS will be represented at the annual meeting of the Arkansas Historical Association at Camden in May. President Feathers plans to arrange a display to show our publications and other activities.

MECK SKELTON TAKES HER FIRST TRIP BY RAILROAD AND STEAMBOAT

In our next issue we will publish a diary written in 1877 by Miss Meck Skelton of Fayetteville while on a trip to Cleveland, Ohio. With another young woman she accompanied J.H. VanHoose to a Knight Templar convention in the Ohio city. The diary was written in a delightful style, by a young woman who had never been outside of Arkansas. She wrote: "I felt no unusual change when we crossed the state line into Missouri." She had never seen a railroad train: "From the banks of a creek at Pierce City I saw them for the first time -- the locomotive steaming in with a long train of cars -- a magnificent sight -- power and strength." Then her return home, three weeks later:

> "At 9 o'clock the stage stopped at the post office at Osage Mills. While the mail was attended to, Mr.VanHoose got out and walked to the residence of General Pearce. The stage stopped at his gate and I had the pleasure of an introduction to him -- a very plain and pleasant gentleman.
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> "After 10 o'clock we stopped at the Elm Spring post office. Dr. Steele came to the stage and talked to us. We passed Johnson's Mill, the Mr. Hewitt's, and from there I felt at home. At 12 o'clock we got in sight of home and I next saw Tim and Willy sitting on a pile of lumber waiting for the stage. I got out at that same old gate I had left just three weeks before."

This unusual diary belongs to Mrs.Henry Walker of our Society, who has loaned it to us for publication in FLASHBACK. In our next issue. We promise you, you'll love Meck Skelton -- her sincerity and naivite.

While out at the Mt.Comfort burying ground a few weeks ago, I paused at the grave of this young woman whose words are living today because she recorded them in her little red-bound diary of 84 years ago. Her tombstone says: "Miss Meck Skelton, born May 29, 1836 - died March 22, 1892." On the opposite side of the marble slab, worn smooth by the winds and rains of a century, a charcoal rubbing revealed this inscription: "Jas. A. Skelton, born Sept. 9, 1826, killed in battle at Pea Ridge Mar. 9, 1862." And on the front of the tombstone: "Mrs. Polly Skelton, born Nov. 30, 1807, died Feb. 16, 1886."

THE FAMILY HISTORY MAGAZINE

Our Society has received a sample copy of The Family History Magazine, published at Albuquerque, New Mexico. The 10-page January number features an account of the monument on the courthouse grounds at Van Buren, Ark. This number contains a great deal of genealogical information, including an 1879 Real Estate Tax List of Benton County, Ark. Family names on this Bentonville tax list are: Foster, Lewis, Davis, Patterson, Johnson, Lee, Dameron, LeForce, Dunlap, Smith, Ball,Parker, Boatwright. There are no fewer than nine Pattersons on the list. Also of interest in this issue are the Marriage Records of Putnam Co., Mo. (Unionville) and the Cemetery Records of Sullivan Co., Mo. (Milan). The latter list contains such family names as Broyles, Dearing, Dyer, Wilhite, Taylor and many more. Subscription price of The Family History Magazine is $3. Address: Mrs.Irene Johnson, Box 96, Albuquerque.

BUSINESS LETTERS OF PIONEER WASHINGTON COUNTY MERCHANTS

(Editor's note: By courtesy of J. L. Ferguson, custodian of the archives of the Arkansas History Commission in the Old State House, Little Rock, we are able to present three letters and one bill of lading from the Clara B. Eno collection, that illustrate the difficulties of merchandising in our county a century ago. The letters were written by Martin W. Thornberry, Jas.R.Parks and W.H.Rhea, all three of whom were store-keepers in old Cincinnati (first called "Sylva").

Henry & Cunningham were commission merchants in Van Buren. They receipted for the goods brought up the Arkansas River by steamboat and transferred them to wagons sent down to Van Buren by the Washington County merchants.W.H.Rhea,who operated stores at Cincinnati and Rhea's Mill, was the grandfather of three members of our Society -- Hayden McIlroy, Cornelia McIlroy Stuart, and Mertye McIlroy Bagby.

In our next issue we will publish a number of letters written by prominent citizens of Cane Hill -- Mark and Dick Bean, John Buchanan, Wm. Quesenbury, and others who were concerned about the threat of approaching civil war. T he originals of these letters are in the Clara B. Eno collection. -- WJL)

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T. A. KENDIG & CO.
Receiving and Forwarding Merchants
Napoleon, Arkansas

Shipped, in good order and well-conditioned, by T.A.Kendig & Co., on board the Steamer called the Umpire # 3 whereof McKee is Master, now lying in the Port of Napoleon and bound for Van Buren.

J. Funkhouser (Sylva)	7 kegs Mdse - 6 bundles 4 " Wr - 1 box Drugs 1 Hf BBl Oil - 4 boxes Mdse 4 boxes W Glass	$ 15.03
Wright & Son (Cane Hill)	Bbl Alcohol - 12 Trunks 70 boxes Mdse - 9 Trunks 3 boxes	$ 229.43
Mr. W. Thornbury (Sylva)	9 Trunks - 1½ Bbl Oil 2 kegs - 1 box - 1 box Drugs 23 boxes Mdse - 6 Trunks	$ 48.73
Kuykendall & Basson	7 boxes - 3 bales	$ 25.53
		$ 318.72

(Privilege of storing and re-shipping in case there is not water to get up.) Being marked and numbered as in the margin and are to be delivered in like good order and condition, at the Port of Van Buren (the dangers of the Navigation and Fire only excepted), unto Henry Cunningham or to assigns, he or they paying Freight for said Mdse at 50 c per 100 lbs. Charges $318.72.

(Dated) 26 day of April, 1853

---Sylva---

June 4th 1851
Sylva Arks

Messrs
Henry & Cunningham
Gentlemen

In your letter 14th May you say the 2 crates Queensware are all the goods you have in store for us. You remark that "we are all liable to mistakes and perhaps we (you) have made one, but we must be convinced of it." In your letter of May 28th you say plainly that there was 2 kegs Powder shipped to you in Marshall & James Bill of Lading, which I suppose to be correct -- they answered to the description of Brands I purchased in New Orleans.

In your letter Feb. 18th 1851 you informe me that you are in receipt of 2 kegs of Powder for me by the agents of the S.B. Cotton Plant. You also state in that letter that you are in receipt of 2 Boxes not called for in the Bill of Lading, which I saw as I went to New Orleans (I mean the two Boxes). If the above is sufficient to convince you that 2 kegs of Powder remain in your care of mine, please send them by the next order I send for goods.

Yours truly
MARTIN W. THORNBERRY

---Sylva---

Cincinnati, Arks April 12th 1854

Messrs Henry & Cunningham
Gent

We send by Mr. Crittenton Sixty five Deer Skins and 10 Cow Hides which Mr. Rhea will tell you how to dispose of.

Yours
JAS R PARKS

---Sylva---

Cincinnati Arks Mar the 12/56

Messrs H C & Co.

Since my wagons left I understand Pennywit is paying Eighty five Cents. Well if the Rats will be likely to cut the Sacks I think it would be best to sell at the price. At any rate do the best you can. Please see that I get justice done. My wheat is good & clean, weighs 60 to the Bushel. I have about three hundred Bushels yet. I think the Captain will give an old Customer about 100 --.

Send me a Case of Mens good Brogans. If they are not good, dont send them. Tell Roe & England to send me a cook stove, such a one as Dr. Powell got & I will pay him soon.

Yours W. H. RHEA

---Wylva---

EARLY-DAY MARKS AND BRANDS

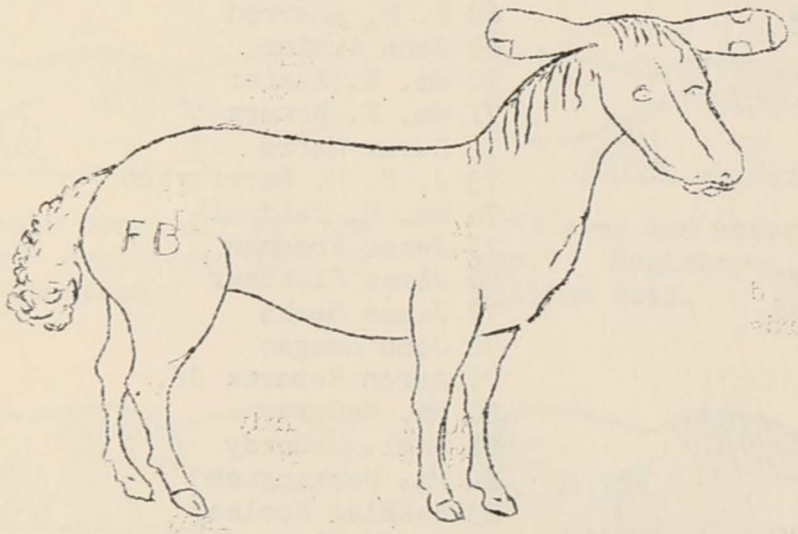
by W. J. Lemke

The "Mark and Brand" register is one of the County's little-known record books. Beginning in 1840 it was at first a register of "marks" (cuts in the ears) by which an owner of livestock could identify his cattle, sheep, and hogs. If the "mark" was registered in the County Clerk's big book, it provided definite identification of livestock. With the passage of stock laws and approval of same by most of Washington County's townships, the registration of "marks" ceased. However "brands" on horses were still being registered in 1959.

The "Mark and Brand" registration book has three certificates per page. The "mark" or "brand" is described, as for example:

1. Jan. 9, 1840 -- George Taylor. Half crop off right ear and underbit in the left.
2. Jan. 9, 1840 -- J. W. Johnson. A crop and underbit in the right ear and a swallow fork in the left ear.

On each registration blank there are two drawings, showing the left and the right side of an animal (partly sheep-hog-cow) on which the Clerk has indicated the "marks" -- crop, underbit, swallow fork, hole. Following is a picture of this imaginary animal, showing both "marks" on the ears and "brand" on the hip, as registered in 1852 by Benjamin F. Boone.



While the early livestock"marks" are of interest, the entries supply information about pioneer settlers of the county. Thus, the 1840 registrations include such names as West, Cardwell, Routh, Inks and Campbell. The 1841 list includes P.V.Rhea, first mayor of Fayetteville; John Fitzgerald, agent of the Butterfield Overland Mail at Springdale; Stephen Strickland, Christian preacher of Baptist Ford; Joseph P.Moore, progenitor of all the Mt. Comfort Moores; Peter VanWinkle; Peter Mankins; and many more of equal prominence.

The earliest "mark" registered in Washington County (No. 1) was that of George Taylor, which Clerk B. H. Smithson entered in the "Record of Marks and Brands" on Jan. 9, 1840. Other "marks" were registered during the early years by the following:

1840

2. J. W. Johnson
3. James S. West
4. Richard Cardwell
5. Benj. M. Routh
6. George Bonum
7. Wm. P. Poor
8. Jackson Inks
9. Allen Depriest
10 Jas. M. Campbell
11 Allen Hughes
12 John Hibbert
13 T.Murray Campbell

1841

14 Elijah Shipley
15 John Fitzgerald
16 Hugh Lewis
17 James Davis
18 P. V. Rhea
19 S.Strickland
20 Boling Smith
21 Jeremiah Marrs
22 Burton Smith
23 Anna Garrett
24 Joseph P. Moore
25 Francis Smith
26 Peter VanWinkle
27 Wm. S. Oldham
28 Peter Mankins
29 John Chevelier
30 T. J. Pollard
31 C. W. Deane
32 Wm. McK. Ball
33 Green B. Nolan
34 Jas. S. Crawford
35 Nicholas Edwards
36 S. Talkington
37 Eliphas Riley
38 John Hannon
39 W. D. Crawford
40 John Moore
41 Syrene Privett
42 Chris. Kizer
43 Joseph Barker
44 Richard Smith

1842

45 Lewis Duval
46 Larkin Duval

1843

47 Henderson Bates
48 Caleb P. Chapman
49 James Hill
50 William West
51 William Reed
52 John Rieff
53 John Miller Jr.

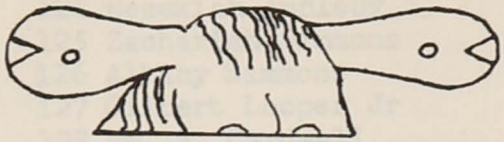
1844

54 Hayes Bromfield
55 Jesse P. Hanna
56 Jas. R. Oxford
57 Joshua Colwell
58 Alexander Neill
59 Wm. H. Blackburn
60 James Reed
61 Caleb P. Chapman
62 Walter Scantlen
63 James M. Oxford
64 John C. Neill
65 James C. Pittman

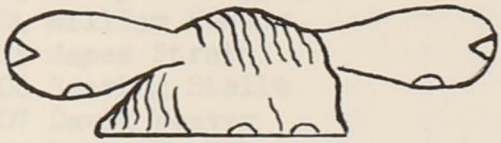
1845

66.Zenas Pratt
67 Leander Buchanan
68 S. B. Sherrod
69 John Auxier
70 Wm. R. Auxier
71 Wm. M. Bowers
72 S. L. Marrs
73 J. H. M. Barrington
74 Wm. H. Caldwell
75 Jesse Freeman
76 James Fletcher
77 James Meeks
78 John Reagan
79 Aaron Roberts Jr.
80 Wm. McCurdy
81 Saml. McCurdy
82 Wm. Barrington
83 Mathias Woolsey
84 J. P. Pleasants
85 Wm. C. McCurdy
86 Tandy K. Kidd
87 Gilbert Looper
88 R. A. Sharp
89 Robert Seymour
90 Allen Luper

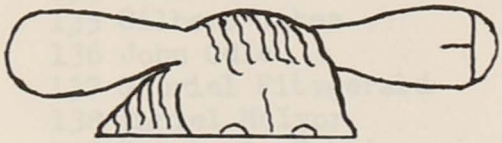
"A smooth crop and split in each ear." Registered Nov. 25 1846 by Geo.A.Pettigrew.



"A hole and a swallow fork in each ear." Registered May 1 1848 by P.F.Price.



"A swallow fork and underbit in each ear." Registered 1848 by Henry E.Freyschlag.



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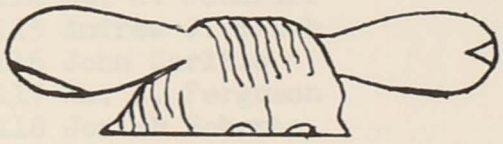
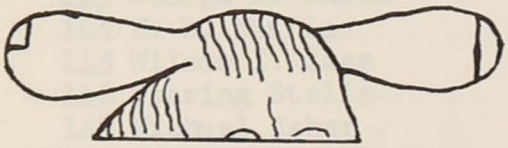
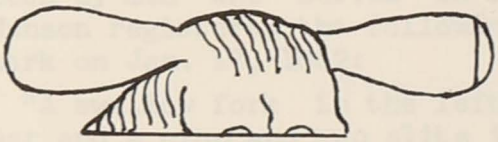


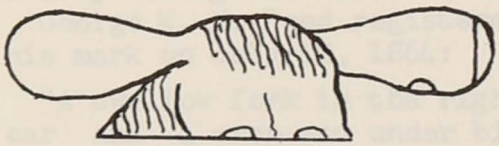
"A swallow fork in the left ear and underslope in right ear." Registered 1857 by Robert Greathouse.



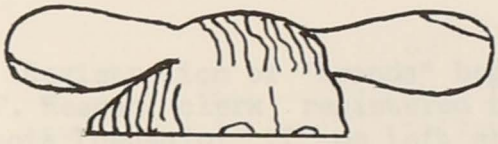
"A crop off the left ear and a half crop in the upper part of the right ear." Registered 1858 by David Lichlyter.



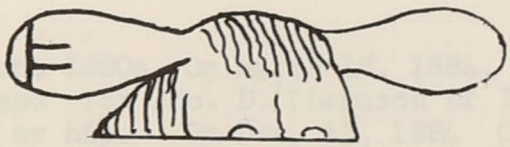
"A smooth crop off of the left ear." Registered 1859 by John D. Thomason.



"A crop and underbit in left ear." Registered in 1848 by William Reed.



"An underslope in the right ear and an upper slope in the left ear." Registered 1859 by Zadok Winn.



"A smooth crop off of the right ear and two splits in the same." Registered in 1853 by Jonas M.Tebbetts.

91 Wm. D. Boyd
92 George Crum
93 Taurus Rieff
94 Allen Funkhouser
95 Thos. F. Beaty
96 Jas. P. Dickerson
97 John Reed
98 Isaac Murphy
99 Berry H. Oxford
100 Blackmer Sheppard
101 George Graham
102 Mary Leeper
103 Henry W. Ferguson
104 William Henson
105 James Strain
106 Searing Stelle
107 David Weaver
108 Robt. K. Wilson
109 Wiley B. Heral
110 Mary Carnahan
111 William Jobe
112 James Duncan
113 David Brickey
114 Wm. R. Woodruff
115 Andrew J. Smith
116 John Carlile
117 Wm. L. Ferguson
118 Josiah Roberts
119 Absalom Blythe
120 Wm. Jobe
121 Andrew Fitzgerald
122 John Higgins
123 Simeon Baker
124 Hezekiah Appleby
125 Zachariah Simmons
126 Albany Simmons
127 Gilbert Looper Jr
128 Wm. A. Cardwell
129 A. G. Gregg
130 David M. Williford
131 Wilson A. McCurdy
132 Presley R. Smith
133 Hiram Davis
134 John Smith
135 Gilbert Cohea
136 John Odle
137 Gabriel Fitzgerald
138 Daniel McIvor
139 George A. Pettigrew
140 Enos Slover
141 Wm. C. Woodruff
142 James Harer

1847

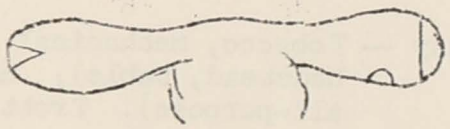
143 George R. Smith
144 C. R. Mathias
145 Wilson I. Cage
146 Searing Stelle
147 Michael Asher
148 Francis L. Thomas
149 Bracken Lewis Sr
150 James J. Collins

There were only two registrations of "marks" during the war years, both by men who served in the Union army during the war. Thomas A. Henson registered the following mark on Jan. 18, 1862:

"A swallow fork in the left ear and a crop and two slits in the right ear."

George W. M. Reed registered his mark on July 12, 1864:

"A swallow fork in the right ear and a crop and under bit in the left ear."



Registration of "brands" began in the 1880s. On March 18, 1884, Hugh F. Reagan, clerk, registered this brand for Jno. D. Thomason of Illinois Township: "T" on left shoulder or hip. On Dec. 13, 1884 Clerk J.B.Shannon registered a brand for B.M.Curtis -- "B C" on left shoulder. L.H.Ramey's brand was: A figure four ("4") on left hip. The last brand registered in Washington County was that of Dale Ezell of Wedington on Aug.27, 1959 -- "Rocking E on right hip." Shortly after that date the state livestock board took over the registration of marks and brands.

(Some typical "marks" and "brands" are shown on the accompanying picture page.)

BEGINNINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR

Charles W. Stewart Jr. of Fayetteville owns one share of stock in what is believed to have been the first county fair held in Washington County. The Certificate, made out to the great-grandfather of Mr. Stewart, is dated August 5, 1869. It reads as follows:

No. 1 $5.00

Office of the Agricultural and Mechanical Association of Washington County, Arkansas

Received of Robert McCollom . . . . Five Dollars being in full for one Share of the Capital Stock of this Association - said share reserved and set apart for him or his heirs. In witness whereof, I hereunto set my name, this the 5th day of August, A.D. 1869.

J. D. Henry
Treasurer

---WCHS---

We have been unable to find a record of this first county fair. However, the Washington County Historical Society files contain a copy of the Arkansas Sentinel of July 31, 1878, in which this announcement appears:
(ARKANSAS SENTINEL, July 31, 1878)

SECOND ANNUAL FAIR of the
Washington County Agricultural and Mechanical Association
to be held
Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday,
Sept. 25th, 26th, and 27th, 1878

Premium List

First day -- Meats, Fruits, Poultry, Field and Garden Products, Saddlery, Fabrics, Racing

Second day -- Swine, Sheep, Jacks and Jennets, Mules, Cattle, Pacing

Third day -- Tobacco, mechanical (home-made shovel, wagon, bureau, bedstead, table), horses (draft, light draft, saddle, all-purpose). Trotting race.

Re-Issue of HARPER'S WEEKLY 1861-1865

Our Society has received sample copies of a unique periodical, a re-issue of Harper's Weekly of the Civil War period. The original magazines are reproduced full-size by offset printing. The subscription price for the Re-Issue of Harper's Weekly is $12 per year (52 issues). The publisher is Living History Inc., Box 446, Shenandoah, Iowa. Write to that address for a sample copy or a year's subscription. Incidentally, the March issue contains the well-known drawing of Fort Smith in 1860 and of the US Arsenal in Little Rock.

"May God protect you is the prayer of your devoted wife."

A WAR-TIME LETTER FROM THE HOME FRONT

by Marian Brinson Lisman

Since this is the Civil War Centennial year, you may be interested in reading a letter written in 1865 by my great-grandmother, Miranda Greer Davis, from a farm near Coldwater in northern Mississippi, to her husband, William Anderson Davis, who was fighting with Nathan Bedford Forrest in Tennessee. The original letter is in my possession and is perfectly legible, although the ink has turned brown and the paper yellow.

The Davises had owned slaves, but these helpers vanished with the arrival of Federal troops in the area. In the months after Appomattox, one by one, these former servants reappeared to pay their respects to "Marse William" and "Miss Randy."

During hostilities, Miranda was left alone on the farm with six children, all under 13, whose names appear in the letter. They were: Henry, Jo, Emma, Lou, Molly and Willy, listed here in the order of their birth. Molly was my grandmother. The Nancy Levi in the letter was the wife of Levi Fowler Davis, a relative, and mother of Jefferson Levi Davis, my grandfather.

My grandfather settled in Fayetteville in the 1890s and lived there till his death in 1933. He was representative to the state legislature, circuit clerk of Washington County, and distinguished himself as a Mason, being High Priest of the Far West Chapter in 1899 and 1901 and Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas in 1909. At one time, he served as Grand Orator.

Miranda Greer Davis was a relative of the early Greers who moved to Fayetteville from Mississippi. As Miranda wrote this letter, she had no way of knowing that her prayers would soon be answered and that William would be coming home to stay. In these succeeding years she became the mother of eight more children, making fourteen in all. Eleven lived to maturity.

---CSA---

Feb 11 1865

My Dear William I have a chance to send you a letter by A.M.Warwell so I will do so knowing you will be glad to get one from me & Ab says you have not got one from me since you left home & I expect you think I have forgotten you: but I haven't. I wrote two in January. I have not received one from you since the 10th of January dated the 20th of December but I know you wrote since then. I will tell you how I am getting along. I am doing very well, plenty of meat bread & plenty to do me if I can keep it. I have not been troubled by any of the cavalry yet. One of Dennis men came to see if I had any tax corn. I told him I had none & nobody to make any tax corn but two little boys & I thought it was bad enough for you to be away from home & I think if they get any they will have to steal it, for I am determined if they come to

seize it to use the shot gun. I have sold my cotton & bought me half bar. of salt $6.50ct & sixty lbs sugar at 50 cts lb. Only got 50 cts per lb for cotton on the lines. I am going to send down quick as the conscripters get out of the country & get some coffee & flour & you a pair of boots. I have paid Levi & I am going to pay Dr.Thomson & I will have plenty of money to get what things I need. Mrs.Hoskal has paid $20. Bob Phillips said he'd pay what he owed quick as he got the change.

The pony and colt are doing very well. Kit (?) looks as well as ever and mean as ever. Hogs are doing very well. The spotted sow has seven nice pigs. Cows look very bad owing to the hard winter & nothing to feed on but shucks. Sheep are doing very well: what's left, that only seven. Murphy told Henry this morning he saw four up at the ford & he thought they were mine & I started him (Henry, oldest son) off in a hurry to see if he could find them. Meanwhile Jo was gone down to make some plow lines near the Masseys. So you see I am going to fix things for farming. I bought four bushels of oats & I want to sow them next week if the weather is fit. I can't tell you anything about the wheat for I am afraid to go out to look at it. The general opinion is that it froze and if wheat fails this year, it looks like people will be ruined for corn is very scarce. William, Jo Bailey wants the middle field & I want you to write me & let me know whether I must let him have it or not. Give me all the advice about farming for you know I don't know anything about it.

Henry & Jo say you must send them some powder. I expect Jo will kill something when he gets his little gun Dr. Brown gave him. He does very well. Some times I have to take him through a course of sprouts.

William, I heard Jo Bailey did not want the field I spoke about. Henry found three of my sheep at Mrs.Pounder's. Mr. Pounder is dead. I will send up there in the morning & get them.

Feb 12

Dearest one, I'll now tell you my & Nancy Levi's rounds today - She stayed with me last night. We had started early this morning to see Aunt Clarissa & found nobody at home so we went & spent the day with Aunt Hetty. Then back home & received a letter from you which was a great relief to me. If I could not hear from you it looks like it would be more than I could bear. I never knew how dear you were to me till you left home. I often think that if you ever got home I never could stand to see you leave me again. I pray for you & that God may give you grace to bear you up and spare you to get home again for it would be the happiest day of my life.

William, you must try to get a furlough in the spring & come home for it seems like I can't do without seeing you any longer than that time.

My dear, I must tell you how I am. My health is very good. I had the blues yesterday but Nancy staying with me last night & getting your letter today has cured me. The children are all in good health. Little Lou looks better than I ever saw here. She says I must write to you that she is learning her A B C's. Molly says tell Papa she is as sweet

as ever and she is. She sings happy day when Papa comes back.She & Lou employ their time visiting each other. Emma has been knitting some & helping me to spin. I think I shall start her to school in the morning up to the Duncan houses to Oliver Stephens. Well, I must tell you how sweet little Willy employs herself. She sets down before the fire & plays with her little play things. O she's a sweet little black eyed babe as fat as a pig.

William, I could not hire any negro to suit me but Sister Judy has given me Jane for her victuals & cloth & I think she can earn them & more for she is a great help to me for we have to carry all the water from the branch. One piece of curbing has fallen in & I am afraid to draw out of the well till I get it fixed if I ever do. It looks like I can't get any body to get out the curbing. They promise to do it but that's all.

William,I will send you a fine shirt by Ab as it is the first chance I've had since you wrote to me to send one. Well, Darling, it's getting late & all the children asleep. I must quit. May God bless & protect you is the prayer of your devoted wife.

M L DAVIS to W A DAVIS

SPRINGDALE LODGE No. 316, A.F.& A.M.
by R. R. Logan

This venerable lodge, now approaching a centur y of existence, dates back to 1873 when W. A. Donnelly, Grand Master of the Arkansas Grand Lodge; L. E. Banks, Grand Secretary; and R. L. Dodge, Grand Treasurer, issued the charter which now hangs on the wall of this Lodge Hall. No month or day was shown. P. Putman, Master; H.G. Hartley, Senior Warden; and J. B. Steel, Junior Warden, were authorized to open the Lodge for all Masonic purposes. A picture of J.B.Steel, likewise hanging on the wall, shows him as the first Master of the Lodge.Seemingly, the charter was granted to the first officers for the purpose of organization, and then J.B.Steel was elected as Master. He was the father of Joe Steel of Springdale. Charter members of the Lodge were listed as Jas. Graham, Peter Graham, J. Holcomb, C. Petross, Sam'l Cox, W. W. Lovelady, W. B. Smith, Wm. Mays, Thos. J. Blake, D. C. Smithson, W. G. Pruner, J. C. Whaley, Wm. Roberts, J. N. Baggett, P. Putman, H. G. Hartley, and J. B. Steel.

CENTENNIAL DISCUSSION AT PRAIRIE GROVE

Officers of the WCHS (Feathers, Scott, Lemke, Logan) attended a meeting of the Prairie Grove Lions Club Feb.21 at which plans were discussed for an observance in 1962 of the centennial of the battle of Prairie Grove. Our Society will cooperate in any centennial observance at Prairie Grove and at Pea Ridge and Wilson's Creek. We also hope to participate in a program on April 18, 1963, in honor of the centennial of the battle of Fayetteville.

RECENT GENEALOGICAL PUBLICATIONS

Our Society, like many other historical societies, receives numerous requests for free advertising space in our publications. We are glad to list those that we think will be of value to our members. Some of the recent announcements are as follows:

Wills, Deeds, Marriages, Census, of Camden County, North Carolina. This organization has published 7 booklets, 8½ x 11, mimeographed. Price is $1 or $1.50. If interested, write to the president of the Camden County Historical Society. His address: Ben G. Sanderlin, 2 Mimosa Road, Portsmouth, Va.

Wills, Inventories and Administrations of Frederick County, Virginia 1738-1800. 8½ x 11, mimeographed, about 200 pages. Write to J.Estelle King, 121 West First St., Scottsdale, Arizona.

DeArmond Families of America and Related Families. Cloth bound, 699 pages, completely indexed, price $15. Deals with families of North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. Order from Secretary, East Tennessee Historical Society, Lawson McGhee Library, Knoxville 2, Tenn.

Kentucky Cemetery Records, 6 x 9, bound, 376 pages of cemetery records and 100 pages of index. $10. Order from Miss Virginia Wilson,Kentucky Records Research Committee, 114 Woodland Ave., Lexington, Ky.

Strickland and Allied Families. Annual subscription, $3.50. Back issues $1 each. Address the editor, Mrs. Mary Barnett Curtis, 3812 LaFayette, Fort Worth 7, Texas.

The Dulin Family in America, 8½ x 11, 300 pages, bound in buckram. $20. Order from Mrs.Roberta Stewart, 908 Malcolm Ave., Los Angeles 24.

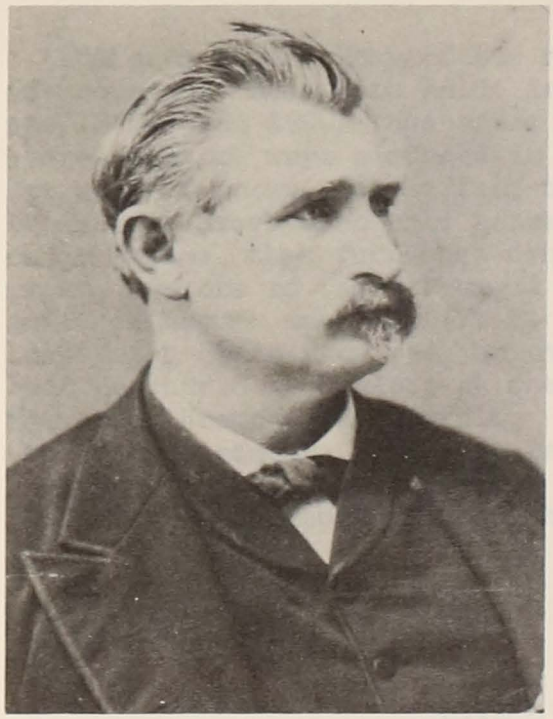
Register of St. Paul's Parish 1715-1798, Stafford and King George Counties, Virginia. $10. Order from George H.S.King, 1301 Prince Edward St., Fredericksburg, Va.

Taliaferro-Toliver Family Records - Genealogical and historical record of over 10,000 descendants of Robert Taliaferro. $15. Order from Mrs. Frank J. Sherman, 518 Hamilton Ave., Apt.B-2, Peoria, Ill.

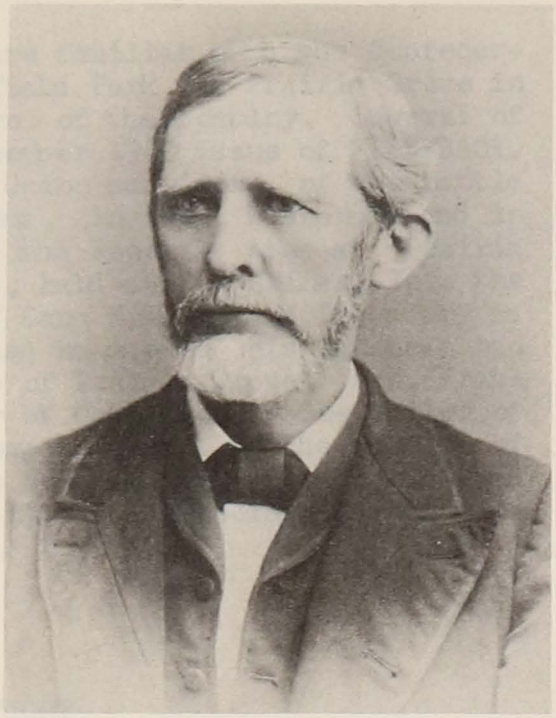
Oster's, Box 111, Times Square Station, New York 36, N.Y. Sends out mimeo lists of out-of-print Americana. Current list includes Arkansas books, especially, Marge Lyon: Take to the Hills, $7.50. Mowery: Tales of the Ozarks, $4. Barker: Yesterday today - Life in the Ozarks. $10. Allsopp: Folklore of Romantic Arkansas, $20.

The Naylor Company, "Book publishers to the Southwest", has issued a fine new catalog, listing their books in the fields of Southwest history, folklore, biography, etc. Address PO Box 1838, San Antonio6,Tex.

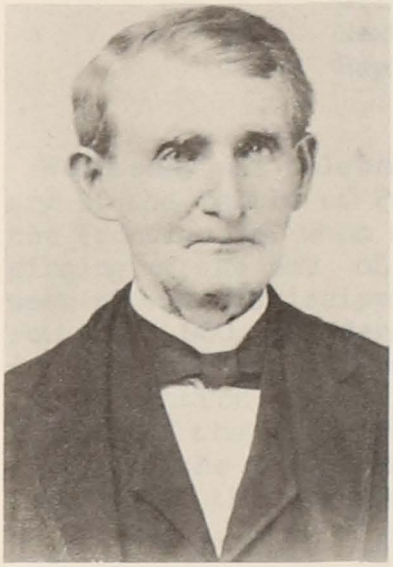
Hopkins County, Kentucky: 1. Marriages 1807-1869; 2. Deed Book No.1; 3. Wills 1807-1829. $10 each. Write to Mrs.Evelyn M. Cox, PO Box 385, Madisonville, Ky.



JAMES M. PITTMAN
Circuit Judge
Washington County



LAFAYETTE GREGG
Associate Justice
Arkansas Supreme Court



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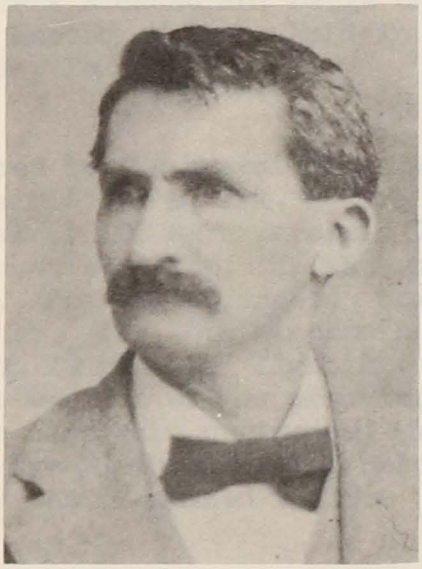

ROBERT J. WILSON

ALLEN M. WILSON

Three generations of a pioneer Washington County family.
All three served as Mayor of Fayetteville.

UNION VETERANS OF PRAIRIE GROVE HELD ANNUAL MEETING

(Editor's note: Most of our readers are familiar with the Confederate reunions that were held in Battlefield Park at Prairie Grove in the 1880s and 1890s and after the turn of the century. Several of these reunions were pictured in the December 1960 issue of FLASHBACK. Not so well known is the fact that the Union survivors of the battle of Prairie Grove also held annual reunions, in Iowa, Wisconsin and in other states that furnished troops for the Federal Army at Prairie Grove. At one of these Federal reunions, held at Des Moines, Ia., the guest of honor was Major F. R. Earle of Cane Hill, Ark. The story is that Major Earle received an ovation when he showed his hat that had been punctured by bullets at the battle of Prairie Grove. Mrs. Frank Hammer of Fremont, California, daughter of Capt. Edward Gee Miller of the 20th Wisconsin, has sent us a newspaper account of the reunion of Union veterans at Prairie Grove that was held in 1898. The account was published in December 1898 in the Madison, Wis., Democrat. It reads as follows. -- WJL)

(The Madison, Wis., Democrat,
December 1898)

LIVE O'ER THE FIGHT

Anniversary of Prairie Grove Duly Celebrated

REUNION HELD IN CAPITOL

Army of Frontier Survivors Rehearse Tale of That Terrible Battle.
Officers Elected and Badge Chosen.
Next Meeting Will be Held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Wednesday was celebrated in the assembly chamber the 36th anniversary of the battle of Prairie Grove, Ark. by the members of the Army of the Frontier, of whom nearly 100 were present. This battle was the beginning of the end of the rebellion. It was the last important fight west of the Mississippi. The union forces, numbering but 12,000 men, routed 26,000 confederates. The 20th Wiscorsin alone lost 87 killed and 150 wounded in about 20 minutes fighting. Though history makes little mention of it, it was one of the most important and hard fought battles of the war. Four Wisconsin regiments, the Second and Third Cavalry, and the Ninth and Twentieth Infantry, belong to the organization. The Army of the Frontier was organized in 1862 and did effective work in Missouri.

P.J.Clawson of Monroe, president of the society, called the business meeting to order. Beside the election of officers for the year, there were two important questions to be decided, the selection of a badge, and to define the membership of the organization. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Capt.N.M.Hubbard of Cedar Rapids, Ia.; first vice-president, Capt. G.H. Chase, Milwaukee; second vice-president, L.H. Howell, Chicago; third vice-president, M. E. Eversz, Evanston, Ill.; secretary, J.C.Bonnell, Chicago; treasurer, C.A.Menges, Milwaukee.

The discussion of the badge question took most of the afternoon, and after some debate the official badge was decided to be a pin, with a pendant crescent and a shield hung below the crescent. On the rectangle covering the pin will appear this motto, "On the Right of the Line", referring to the position of the Army of the Frontier on the right of the line of union armies. On the crescent below, the insignia of the three branches of the service will appear, infantry, artillery, and cavalry. The shield will have the words "Prairie Grove" on its face, and the back will be left plain for the wearer to have engraved the names of the battles in which he was engaged. This badge is the original design prepared by C. E. Tebbetts of Chicago, chairman of the committee on badges. A committee was appointed to have the badges manufactured and distributed. The committee is Col.E.C.Valkins, C.H.Tebbetts and John C. Bonnell, all of Chicago.

The discussion of membership in the society resulted in a decision, expressed in a resolution that members of all regiments who served west of the Mississippi and north of the Red river in the south, are entitled to become members.

At 6:30 o'clock the members of the Army of the Frontier sat down to an excellent supper furnished by Fairchild Corps No.37, W.R.C. Comrade M.E.Eversz of the 20th Wisconsin gave the invocation. After the supper the members arose and gave three cheers for the Relief Corps and George A. Chase of Milwaukee paid a neat tribute to the Relief Corps for assisting the G.A.R. and dispensing charity. Then at the call of the president of the Relief Corps, Mrs. John H. Nichols, the ladies arose and gave three cheers for the Army of the Frontier.

There was a large attendance of veterans and their wives in the assembly chamber for the campfire in the evening and song and reminiscence was the order of the hour. M.J.Rawson of Madison gave a song, "My Father's Flag and Mine." President Clawson then called on Mayor Whelan who gave the visitors an eloquent address of welcome, saying that they had the freedom of the city except the police station and reminding them that they had taken the city 37 years ago when many were tented at Camp Randall. He congratulated the Army of the Frontier on its splendid work and paid a high tribute to American womanhood for its part in the war.

Col.E.B.Gray of the 4th and 28th Wisconsin was called upon to respond to the address of welcome. He was given a hearty reception. He said it would have been unnecessary for the mayor to give away the city as the veterans would have taken it anyway. He touched upon the war of the rebellion and the Spanish war and admonished the comrades to be conscious of the high responsibilities that rest upon them growing out of the late war with Spain.

President Clawson then called upon Gen. E.E.Bryant, who was one of the 3rd Wisconsin that helped hold Culp's hill at Gettysburg on the terrible July 3, 1862. Gen.Bryant dealt in tender and humorous reminiscences and sketched the type of soldier of the republic that the war developed, who did not seek war for glory or gain, who was not carried away by pomp or circumstance, but laid down his business to tread the flinty path of duty and was ready to lay down his life for his country. He shrank from an imperial policy for our nation and hoped that our war for humanity would not mean to the natives of our new islands the exchange of one tyranny for another.

Capt. Hubbard, G 20th Iowa, Cedar Rapids, the president-elect of the army, was next called on. He was not afraid of expansion and had no fear of the future. We have schoolma'ams and missionaries enough, he said, to civilize all the Filipinos and mongrel Spaniards in our islands. He also touched on the work of his comrades in arms and said he was not afraid of the final judgment to be passed on the Union army.

Following Capt. Hubbard came Gen. Henry Harnden. He wondered why the army of the west had never blown its horn. While his division suffered more and did more in its Arkansas campaign than in the two years it was in the army of the Cumberland, there is little known of its really great work there. The effect of the battle of Prairie Grove, he said, was greater than that of Shiloh or Chickamauga, as it prevented a rebel invasion of the northwest, restrained the murderous Cherokees and Sioux and broke the rebel power west of the Mississippi.

At the close W.E. Anderson of Milwaukee read a poem on the battle of Prairie Grove. Regrets were read from many comrades. Gen.Frank J. Herron, who commanded at Prairie Grove, now lives in New York and has extensive interests in Mexico. He wired his regrets at not being able to be present.

Those registered at the reunion were: Col.E.B.Gray, F.A.Bird, W. H. Jacobs, Robert F. Hastreiter, John Gallagher, William M. Small, C. B. Miller, Henry Harnden, William Gillette, John Siggelkow, Madison; C.H.Tebbetts, John C. Bonnell, L.H.Howell, Chicago; E.G.Miller, Waterloo, Iowa; C. M. Cooley, Lancaster; John Bessett, Minneapolis; J. O. Blackston, Shullsburg; J.G.White, Mt. Hope; N.M.Hubbard, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; P.Martell, Ripon; Peter Minn, Watertown; Charles Kaysell, George Chase, Michael Daily, A.D. Myers, P.Rundle, C.A.Menges, Milwaukee; J. Clawson, Edward Ruegger, Henry Hoehn, Monroe; M.E.Eversz, Evanston, Ill.; D. Webber, Minneapolis; L.Angell, Sun Prairie; John Carter, West Lima; Henry Rogers, William White, Mt. Hope; J.F.Myers, Boaz; J.F.Davidson, Sun Prairie; James Williams, Oconomowoc; D. H. Bean, LaFrage; A.B.Ewing, Sylvan; S.C.Marshall, Brainard; H.C.Stone, Baraboo; William Oliver, Merrillan; O.P.Potts, Richaland Center; Guy C. Pierce, Kilbourn, J. Carter; H.H.Clarke; T.L.Hoffman, Sparta; E.Kerby, Sumner; W.Waddle, Merrill, Ia.; W. H. York, Hills View, S.C.; F.Kuzel, Watertown; H.B. Eastman, Chicago; J.Reavey; J.W.Carver, Albany; Louis Lapine, GreenBay; R.J.McQuady, Lakeview; Samuel Kirby, Stoughton; A. Hazelwood, Oconomowoc; Henry Brandes, Mt. Hope; B.J.Dugdale, Hardwood.

Among visitors at the reunion were Capt.A.R.Bushnell, 7th Wisconsin, Madison; H.G.Klinefelter, 7th Wisconsin, Deerfield; Philip Kirby, 11th Minnesota; E.W.Howe, 4th New York heavy artillery; A.R.Ames, Madison.

WCHS CENTENNIAL SERIES

As a contribution to the national Civil War Centennial, our Society is publishing a series of booklets pertaining to the war in northwest Arkansas. No.1 was Joe M. Scott's "Four Years Service in the Southern Army" (already out of print). No.2 was the "Diary of Capt. E.G.Miller of the 20th Wisconsin." No.3, now in preparation, is "The War-Time Letters of Albert McCollom." McCollom enlisted in the Confederate army at Fayetteville in 1861 and died in a Federal prison at Little Rock in 1864. The letters have been made available to us by Charles W. Stewart Jr., a McCollom descendant and a member of our Society.

WCHS MENTION IN OUT-OF-STATE PRESS

Lucile Morris Upton who conducts the "Over the Ozarks" column in the Springfield, Mo., Daily News, made mention of our WCHS December bonus issue of FLASHBACK:

> Residents of Washington County, Arkansas, received a special gift from their historical society. A thick booklet jam-packed with rare old pictures taken in and around Fayetteville during the 1890s has been issued by the Society. It will forever be a treasure for many. It came as a special bonus for paying the little $3 membership dues for 1961 in advance. The Washington County Historical Society has published 37 booklets and all of them are collector's items. Usually only 100 copies of each number are printed, so those owning them, indeed, are fortunate. Roy A. Scott is president of the society, which ranks with the top county historical societies in all the nation because of the wonderful publications it has issued.

The December 1960 issue of History News, published by the American Association for State and Local History, (816 State St., Madison, Wis.) gave our Society the following mention:

> His War 1861-65; Capt. Edward Gee Miller of the 20th Wisconsin: (Fayetteville, Arkansas: Washington County Historical Society, October 1960)
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> The history of the 20th Wisconsin regiment, as written by Edward Gee Miller, captain of Co. G of that regiment, was loaned to the society for reprint by Capt. Miller's daughter. In addition to the chronological account of the campaigns of the 20th Wisconsin from Rolla to Prairie Grove to Vicksburg and Mobile, the volume contains pages of autographs of the officers of the 20th, a muster roll of Co. G, and a history of the Miller family from Nova Scotia to Wisconsin. The history was published in observance of the Civil War Centennial.

SPRINGFIELD ROUND TABLE PUBLISHES "BUCK AND BALL"

Groups of Civil War "buffs" in many cities have formed local groups known as Civil War Round Tables. They meet monthly to hear authorities discuss various phases of the War. The group nearest us is the Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks, in Springfield, Mo. President is Dr. H. Lee Hoover, 1330 E. Walnut St., Springfield. The CWRT of the Ozarks publishes a monthly newsletter named "Buck and Ball." This title, of course, came from a war-time newspaper published by a Kansas regiment at Cane Hill, Washington County, Ark. The January issue of the Springfield "Buck and Ball" announced the Jan. 11 meeting at which Charles Sheppard discussed "The Battle of Springfield." This issue also contained an excellent article by Fred DeArmond, CWRT historian, on "Other Names for the Civil War." He mentions "War of the Rebellion", "War between the States" and "War for Southern Independence."

THE REED FAMILY OF NORTHWEST ARKANSAS

(Editor's note: "The Reed Family of Northwest Arkansas" is the title of an important family history that has just been published by the compilers, Conrow Reed Miller of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Leva Reed Stephens of Siloam Springs, Ark. This 64-page printed booklet contains several excellent photographs, one of which we are reproducing on our cover. It lists the descendants of William Reed and Margaret Robertson Reed and their 12 children. Many of the pioneer Reeds are buried in the Cox cemetery, south of Cane Hill. The book sells for $2 and may be ordered from the Secretary, WCHS, Box 237, Fayetteville, Ark. We present below a brief genealogical table of the first two Washington County generations of this pioneer family. -- WJL)

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William Reed (1787-1845) m. Margaret Robertson (1793-1875). They were married March 10, 1810 near Bowling Green, Ky. Both are buried in the Cox cemetery, Washington County, Ark. Their children:

1. Sally Reed, b. Aug. 19, 1811; m. Wesley King. They had five children:
   a) William King, b.c.1827; m.(1) Martha Ann Cox, (2) Jane Witherspoon
   b) Joseph King, b. 1829; d. 1906
   c) Joe's twin
   d) Samuel, b. 1831; m. and had 3 children
   e) Jane King, m. Anson Hodges; 2 children

2. George R. Reed, b. Nov. 26, 1814 in Ky.; m.(1) -------, (2) Mrs.Sallie Williamson; 5 children:
   a) Amanda Reed m. General Sisk; 3 children
   b) Charity Reed m. Joe Trammel; 2 children
   c) George R. Reed, m. and had 8 children
   d) Ambrose King Reed, m. Kizzie Rather; 11 children

3. John R. Reed, b. Dec. 12, 1816 in Ky.; m.(1) Pauline Rodgers, (2) Caroline Ross, (3) ---Robertson. 5 children

4. Eliza Ellen Reed, b. Mar. 12, 1819; d. Apr. 20, 1886; m. (1) Jacob Sexton, (2) Mr.McElroy

5. William Johnson Reed, b. May 10, 1821; d. 1864 in Ky.; m. Keziah Wood. Their children:
   a) Samuel Benton Reed, b. 1850; m. Eliza Jane Cox and had 12 children
   b) Mary Ellen Reed, b. 1851; m. Hiram King; 6 children
   c) Amanda Arminta Reed, b. 1854; d. 1934; m. John Crozier Carmack; 6 children
   d) Margaret Frances Reed, b. 1856; d. 1906; m. John R. McCamish; 6 children
   e) Sarah Cyrene Reed, b. 1858; m. James A. Brunk; 9 children
   f) Julina Keziah Reed, b. 1861; m. Lee A. Walker; 7 children
   g) Alleva Ann Reed, b. 1864; d. 1898; m. Joseph L. Fisher; 3 children

6. Joseph M. Reed, b. Nov. 20, 1823; d. in infancy

7. James C. Reed, b. Jan. 29, 1826; d. in infancy

8. James Harrison Reed, b. Dec. 28, 1827 in Batesville, Ark.; d. Oct.23, 1898; m. Sarah Williamson. Their children:
   a) John Johnson Reed, b. 1850; d. 1939; m. Mary Emmaline King. 5 children
   b) Margaret Elizabeth Reed, b. 1851; d. 1924; m. George W. Wood; 3 children
   c) Mary Ellen Reed, b. 1854; m. Wm.F.Rodgers; 8 children
   d) Sarah Jane Reed, b. 1857; m. Frank Latta; 1 child
   e) Mariah Amanda Reed, b. 1859; d. 1896; m. Frank Latta; 4 children
   f) James Franklin Reed, b. 1862; m. Martha Laura Freeman; 7 children
   g) Martha Ann Reed, b. 1864; d. 1870

9. Andrew Buchanan Reed, b. 1830; d. 1906; m. Melissa Jane Scott. Their children:
   a) Joseph Fred Reed, b. 1853; d. 1936; m. Lavina Cox; 6 children
   b) Sallie Reed, b. 1855; d. 1928; unmarried
   c) Margaret Reed, b. 1857; d. 1922; m. James L. Nelson; 7 children
   d) Elizabeth Reed, b. 1859; m. Burton Shiley; 9 children
   e) Anna Reed, b. 1868; d. 1933; m. John B. Howard; 6 children

10. Joseph Greene Reed, b. Feb.21, 1833 near Cane Hill, Ark.; d. 1917; m.(1) Mary Wood, (2) Mrs.Docia Freeman. His children, all by his first wife:
   a) James Richard Reed, b. 1855; d. 1928; m.(1) Amanda Whinery, (2) Ella Mount. 6 children by first wife; 1 daughter by second marriage.
   b) Julia Ann Reed, b. 1858; d. 1879; m. Joel Abshier; 1 son
   c) Mary Keziah Reed, b. 1859; d. 1864
   d) Thomas Jefferson Reed, b. 1864; d. 1937; m. Sallie Edmiston; 5 children
   e) William Albert Reed, b. 1866; d. 1941; m. Elmina Simpson; 9 children
   f) Charles Robertson Reed, b. 1868; d. 1957; m.(1) Annie Laurie Luginbuel, m.(2) Mrs.Virgia Gregory, m.(3) Sofronia Reid, m.(4) Claudia Armstrong. 3 children by his first marriage; 2 by second marriage
   g) Anna Belle Reed, b. 1870; d. 1926; m. William M. Simpson; 5 children

11. Thomas Franklin Reed, b. May 31, 1835 near Cane Hill, Ark.; d. 1893; m. Barbara Rather (1839-1902). 11 children
   a) James Crittenden Reed ("Jim Peabody"), b. 1858; d. 1931; m. Amy Cox. 8 children
   b) Mary Elizabeth Reed, b. 1860; m. Robert Fulton Cox; 6 children
   c) Sarah Reed, d. in infancy

d) Joseph Reed, d. at age of 2
e) Thomas Franklin Reed, b. 1864; d. 1874
f) Cora B. Reed, b. 1869; d. 1899; m. Melville Benjamin McCarty; one daughter
g) Silas Ulysses Reed, b. 1871; d. 1902; unmarried
h) Fannie Eliza Reed, b. 1873; m. Jefferson Whittaker; one daughter
i) George Robertson Reed, b. 1875; d. 1894
j) Narcissus (Norra) Reed, b. 1877; d. 1925; m. Charley Seward; record incomplete
k) Charles Richard Reed, b. 1885; twice married; no children

12. Samuel King Reed, b. Feb. 3, 1838 near Cane Hill, Ark.; m.(1) Ann King, (2) Elizabeth Ellen Holt. Three children by first wife:

a) Laura Eveline Reed, b. 1860; d. 1959; m. Robinson McCaleb; 6 children
b) Amy Reed, b. 1862; m.(1) Robert Simpson, 1 daughter; m.(2) Lorenzo Freeman, 4 children
c) John Galloway Reed

Twelve children by second marriage:

d) George W. Reed, b. 1867; d. 1932; m. Lula L. Little; 5 children
e) William Earl Reed; m. Adonia Edmiston; 5 sons
f) Mary Dorcas (Dolly) Reed, b. 1871; d. 1945; m. Hugh Thomas Latta; 9 children
g) Amanda America Reed, b. 1873; m. Samuel Henry Leach; 5 children
h) Ida Bea Reed, b. 1875; m. William Erskine Cox; 8 children
i) Zebaline Reed, b. 1878; d. in infancy
j) Pearl Reed, b. 1879; d. 1949; m. Thomas William King; 5 children
k) Walter Reed, b. 1881; d. 1901; m. Mary E. Leach; one son
l) Manioma Reed, d. in infancy 1887
m) Benjamin Reed, d. in infancy 1890
n) Stephen K. Reed, m. Henrietta Anderson; 2 children
o) Volentine (Vol) Reed, b. 1894; m.(1) Laura E. Hulse, 2 children; m.(2) Leona Preston, 1 daughter

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WCHS MEMBER PUBLISHES BOOK ON EUROPEAN TOUR

"Arkansas Traveler in Europe" is the title of an attractive 52-page booklet published by Fox Wood of Oklahoma City, who holds membership in the Washington County Historical Society. This is an account of a vacation tour of nine European countries. Mr.Wood is a keen observer and a delightful commentator. The booklet makes good reading. It is illustrated with 50 pictures of the places that Mr. and Mrs. Wood visited on their European tour. Mr.Fox Wood's address is: 503 American National Building, Oklahoma City 2, Okla.

AUTOMOBILE OWNERS OF 40 YEARS AGO

Roy W. Wood, a member of our Society, has given us a list of all automobile owners in Washington County in 1919-20. The list is of interest because of the fact that most of the brand-name cars of 40 years ago are no longer being made. Eighteen of the 25 makes of cars that were driven in our county are no longer manufactured. The obsolete makes and their owners in 1920 were as follows:

Oakland -- W.F.Dunn, C.B.Franke, W.F.Ham
Lexington - J.R.Harris
Briscoe -- A. P. Houston
Jordan -- G. H. Parsons
Haynes -- E. L. Palmer
Cleveland -- C. S. Tunstill
Chandler -- George Grover
Dort -- C.W.Jacobs, J.F.Moore, Homer Pearson, W.L.Thomas, W.T.Waugh, N.H.White
Overland -- C.R.Bilyeau, C.D.Bates, J.W.Cowan, Lee Davis, G.H. Henderson, Chas.Lollar, Levi Lewis, E.W.Lucas, C.C.Lucas, Ed Tollett, S.P.Williams, J.F.Winchester, Ozark Poultry Co.
Jeffrey -- R. L. Brown
Paige -- Margaret Baggett
Grant -- E. A. Bell, Claude Sanford
Stephens -- Gus Bridenthal
Mitchell -- Frank Barr
Hupmobile -- W. K. Wade
Reo -- J. F. Moore, Algie Moore
Willys Knight -- J.P.Brower, M.M.McRoy, Jas.Webb, C.C.Yarrington
Nash -- Percy Cummings, J.R.Cooper, Dr.Otey Miller, M.W.Moore, W.H.Morton, Billy Reardon, Randall Walker
Hudson -- M. Douglass, G.U.McDavid, Dr.J.N.Moore, Mrs.J.S.Terry

Ford owners were most numerous in Fayetteville 40 years ago, nearly 100 persons owning Ford cars. There were 31 Buicks. Among the Buick owners were: C.W.Appleby, A.Carlton, Jas.Carlisle, M.M.Collier, W.S. Duggan, E.F.Ellis, Mrs.W.J.Frost, Figitt Motor Co., T.P. Ganns, W.H. Graham, Al Gregg, W.J.Hamilton, H.E.Jackson, Bradford Knapp, W.J.Lewis, Ralph Lewis, Art Lewis, V.McDaniel, Wiley McNair, J.F.Moore, F.R.Morrow, E.L.Nettleship, C.B.Paddock, F.W.Rupert, Frank Sanders, Jno.P. Smith, W.M.Simpson, J.G.VanHorn, J.G.Waugh, Otto Wantuck, O.E.Wyatt.

There were 15 Dodge owners in 1920: J.T.Buchholtz, H.Barnes, W. H. Cravens, Geo.DeRoulhac, James Greer, W.A.Guisinger, L.S.Herndon, Henry Hotz, Harris Blanchard, G.A.Hurst, C.C.Phillips, Fred Rouse, Ad Rife, E.M.Ratliff, O.G.Warbritton, Sligo Wagon Wood Co.

The four Oldsmobile owners in 1920 were E.A.Budd, P.J.Carney, Herman Eason, Tom Murrell. Fifteen citizens owned Chevrolet cars; Kinney Armstrong, F.C.Baker, S.M.Bryant, I.T.Glenn, R.R.Gregory, Harriet King, Bruce Holcomb, C.W.Harrington, K.C.Key, Robert Logan, Lewis Bros. C.B.McCoy, R.C.Mayes, Martin Nelson, J.W.Smith, J.H.Wallen, Mrs.S.B. Wheeler. Studebaker was represented by the following owners: Chas.D. Carmichael, A.N.Cole, Harry Ewalt, Jay Fulbright, P.T.Gray, Walter Harris, C.T.Harding, Floyd Hight, T.U.Jackson, B.F.McAllister, M.L. Price, C.F.Renner, J.L.Sticke, Roy Vickers.

(MORAL: History doesn't have to be 100 years old.)

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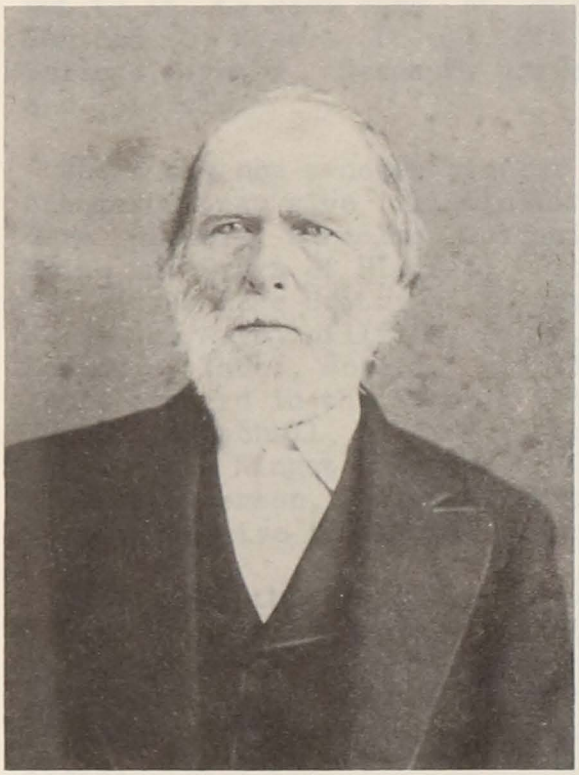

JUDGE HIRAM DAVIS

ALBERT O. McCOLLOM
Confederate Soldier

RISE AND FALL OF THE APPLE EMPIRE

by the late W. S. Camptell

For many months I have been considering writing an article on the "Rise and Fall of the Apple Empire". But to do it justice would require more time than I have to devote to writing.

For 25 years I was in the apple business with A.C. Hamilton & Co. There is hardly a lane, a road, an orchard roadway in northwest Arkansas that I have not traveled again and again, over a period of 15 to 20 years. Four months of 1912 and four months of1913 I spent in Rogers as the "Ozark Apple Company." After A.C.Hamilton's death in 1913, and for the next 12 years, I became virtual manager. And in the last of those years I saw the decline of the apple industry in Arkansas.

Such is the buoyancy of youth that they think no use to take thought of years to come -- else I would have prepared me a register of apple growers, dealers, evaporators, which now would be valuable. I was on happy terms with 250 evaporator operators and owners, before, during and after World War I. For a decade after the beginning of this century there were perhaps 25 active green-apple buyers operating in northwest Arkansas and southwest Missouri. And then, of course, all large centers in Texas, Indian Territory, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming, and New Mexico, soon learned who grew, who shipped, who were local dealers, and used telegraph, telephone, letters, and even traveling buyers, and really created a vast clientele for the growers. Railroad lines were really put to it to keep cars at such loading stations as Fayetteville, Springdale, Rogers, Lowell, Prairie Grove, Lincoln, Westville, Siloam Springs, Gentry, Decatur, Gravette, Hiwasse, Centerton, Bentonville, and Garfield.

There are not a dozen pioneer producers still living but their descendants can give illuminating facts, no doubt. Among the growers were Gippell, Lincoln; Goldsmith Davis family, all of Bentonville; Keith and Banks of Hiwasse; Patterson, Webb, Lee, Martin, Watson of Pea Ridge; Luke Buttry at Buttry; Walkers and Brogdons at Springdale; Kendrick, Mays, Williams, Davis, of Lowell; Rothrock of Johnson; the Norwoods, Yates, Rogers, and Pitts brothers (who have the largest apple orchard in the state); all of Lincoln; and then Boatright, Berry Vaughan, Mitchell, Williams, around Hindsville in Madison County and over in the Kingston region. The southwest Missouri orchards around Monett, Anderson, Seligman, Pierce City, Sarcoxie, Marionville, were very productive in the early years of this century.

Just after the Civil War, private orchards became a source of supply. Freighters hauled apples out of northwest Arkansas over the mountain to Van Buren and Fort Smith, and even shipped quantities by steamboat down the river. In 1876 Arkansas took first prize on apples at the Philadelphia Centennial, and later at the Chicago and St.Louis world's fairs. These successes spurred individual orchardists to constant endeavor to keep this national lead. Census records show that Benton and Washington counties, Arkansas, had more bearing apple trees than any other two counties in the United States.

Nor could those national awards have been won, had the fruit been inferior. Growers took keen personal pride in the growth and appearance of their orchards. No doubt the location of this great source of supply in this paradise of health and beauty, with abundant water and productive soil, was a determining factor in locating the Experiment Station in this part of the state.

In those days people lived their lives at home -- sought to make them worthy of their families and the state to which they gave their loyalty. The discovery of gasoline, and its application to the motor, ushered in the era of decline in loyalty to home and community; it put the manpower on wheels, idleness in the driver's seat, and loitering in the mind of mankind. When this development in the motor world reached the field of transportation by truck, the apple industry of Arkansas suffered. The buyer of a truck, usually a well-meaning individual who had maybe one or two hundred dollars and a job only now and then, paid a hundred dollars down for a truck, and then interval payments, and looked like a fair way to become a business man.

And neighbor Jones had an orchard where the apples were ready for harvest. He'd just take a load of apples to Texas or Oklahoma, sell 'em, and pay Jones when he got back, and make enough on the trip to make the next payment on the truck. At first it was fairly easy -- maybe he was the only trucker doing that, and would sell out in almost any town within a hundred miles. That meant two trips a week, lots of excitement of being in business for himself. Jones liked it because he did not have to trade with professional apple-buyers -- and the trucker took culls and all. Then one day he ran into another truck already selling where he thought he would unload quickly -- and had to drive to another market. Finally it became a race between trucker as to who could get there first. And later, in desperation, he began to cut prices rather than incur extra expense by having to rustle new territory.

On top of this, apple shippers began hearing from long-time customers that they were not in the market for any more carloads, or even express shipments, because truckers were parking on the streets and offering apples to all comers at lower prices than they had been paying the shipper, and thus in about five years car-lot shipping dwindled from a thousand carloads from say Springdale, to less than 300 cars. Express shipments faded out. Within ten years the truckers took over.

In the heyday of rail and express shipping, quality was stressed by the apple dealers. That led to the apple drying industry, which took the culls from the orchards, enabling the orchardist to cash in on what had been considered a loss -- or converted into vinegar (wherein are the highlights of a hearty story).

The dried apple industry became an enormous one, flourishing until the advent of the Wiley Pure Food Law and its enforcement by hair-splitting fanatics. For northwest Arkansas the dried apple business represented an enormous investment for buildings and equipment. There were at one time 250 such plants. Largest of these were Blocher at Bentonville; Kimmons-Walker at Springdale; Nance at Rogers; Williams-Mays at Lowell; Patterson, Watson-Buttram-Webb at Pea Ridge and also Martin and Lee; Sikes at Centerton; Banks at Hiwasee, Springston at

Durham, Baker at Garfield, Peel at Avoca, Baker at Gentry, Richardson at Springtown, Henderson at Vaughan, Cotton at Decatur, Henderson-Johnson at Siloam Springs. These are only the highlights.

Then the Pure Food Law enforcers found some pieces of peeling and here and there the edge of a decayed piece of apple, or a piece of apple core, or mayhap an apple seed, and forthwith a seizure warrant was slapped on the entire shipment, whether it was a 5-box shipment or a carlot; and the entire shipment had to be taken in hand by the shipper and made to conform to the letter of the law -- a thing it was impossible to do. So the court would order the entire shipment confiscated. Not only that -- the shipper was arrested by a US Marshal and escorted like a common criminal to the nearest US Court, and there fined from $10 to $100 on every count in the indictment, often amounting to a total of up to $1,000. Not only that: that shipper was on the spot whenever one of his shipments showed up. His shipments were raided wherever found -- and the inspectors made it a business to trail them!

No inspector ever came among the shippers to advise with, or assist them to cure what had incurred penalties. One time when one was in our packing house, I asked him to show us that to do so that we would be in compliance with the law. He turned upon me and with withering invective said "It is not our business to so advise; but this I will say -- the Government of the US will spend a million dollars to make one box of this fruit comply with the law!"

That became the attitude of the food inspectors; and thus began the discovery by packers that evaporated apples could not be shipped safely across the Arkansas state line, since that constituted Interstate Commerce and violated the spirit and intent of the law. Dealers did business on a very narrow margin, forced to that by competition from Virginia, New York, Michigan and all the West Coast, and dealers in our own apple empire. So, having shipments ranging in value from $50 to $2,500 confiscated could not be long endured.

And then a national problem arose. Theodore Roosevelt was an ambitious man and there were no wars or other great issues that would enable him to leave imperishable tracks up the Western Hemisphere. So he decided the Panama Canal was the best bet for lasting fame, and all his energies were bent to complete the Canal within his administration. The Panama Canal spelled the final demise of our million-dollar apple industry.

For ten years the firm with which I was associated shipped an average of one hundred cars of green apples and 5,000 50-lb boxes of evaporated apples annually into Texas. Within ten years we were shipping none -- freight rates did it. It cost $1.08 per hundred to ship a carlot of evaporated apples to any central point in Texas from northwest Arkansas. From anywhere on the West Coast by water through the Canal it cost only 42 cents per 100 lbs to ship a local lot of 10 or more boxes to any point in central Texas. West Coast shippers can ship anything they please over here to us and their rail rate in carlots to this territory is $1 per hundred in carlots; the rate from this territory to the West Coast is $3.18. Plus an embargo against any fruit or meats shipped from Arkansas by rail, water or mail!

Not only that: the fruit dealers on the West Coast will consign a car of apples to any town that has a cold storage plant, store them, and any grocer that wants a box of apples has them sent to his store from the storage, and then pays for them on his monthly bill. Whereas we as apple dealers had to pay for the apples when they hit our packing house and had to get our pay from the grocer when they were delivered, either in box or carlots. So Mr.Grocer waved adieu to Arkansas apples and a great industry is now only a memory.

My personal experiences across 20 active years would fill volumes -- driving tacky or spirited livery teams,or on trains to Rogers, Siloam, Highfill, Healing Springs, Cave Springs, Elm Springs, St.Paul, Durham, Elkins, Seligman, Springfield, St. Louis, even a week's trip across Illinois -- all this buying evaporated apples -- and then going back to load them on cars, pay the producer, get back and offer, confirm sales, get orders packed and shipped, keep track of finances and keep the banker off us. At one time in 1914, when a panic threatened and war broke out in Europe, the banker came storming in and said that we were overdrawn $40,000 and they had not the scratch of a pen to protect them! I told him to give me two hours and we would show why we were going at such a pace. I showed him the 200,000 pile of evaporated apples that we had stacked in our warehouse, the 8,000 barrels of green apples we had on storage, and asked him to give me two hours to run up the unpaid accounts on our ledger. In two hours I went to the bank and showed the total -- over $50,000 in good live accounts -- and I told him we would cut it to $20,000 in a month (and we did) and would wipe it out by Christmas (it was then early October) and that we did. And that year we cleared $17,000.

At one time I had cars loading at Siloam Springs, Avoca, Bentonville and Lanigan, Mo. One year we took all the dried apples that Jim Blocher made, and paid him $27,000. That year I spent weeks in Bentonville. One day in January we learned that John Glass had a car of dried apples in the dryer at Felker, 5 miles from Springtown. I learned by grapevine that Teasdale of St.Louis was sending a buyer to inspect it the next day. I engaged a livery hack and driver that was to leave Bentonville at 5 o'clock next morning, planning to beat the Rogers Siloam train into Springtown the next morning. During the night, there blew in one of the fiercest blizzards the country had that year. Everything was icing over and snow driving in drifts before the gale. At 5 o'clock we headed into that storm. Before we reached Mason's Valley that storm blacked out the landscape in all directions. At Highfill it looked foolish to go on, but no train had gone through, so we put the bud to that team and hit Springtown before train time and found John Glass in Richardson's store. We hustled him into our rig and got into his warehouse at Felker just as we heard the train whistling into Springtown. We bought the fruit!

During World War I the big food centers for army training demanded a vast variety of foods. Apple peelings were in great demand for making vinegar. We could not get the carloads out fast enough. I had raided the dryers along the K.C.& M's road from Cave to Fayetteville, and had arranged to load two cars at Elm Springs. The depot was a half mile from the big scales downtown. To get cars loaded properly with peelings required rigid overseeing. I decided I had better stay in the cars and see that they were loaded to capacity, since we were under

contract to take certain quantities and would lose the sale unless they moved out next day. I left the weighing to two of the sellers and the scale owner. The upshot was that we were short 2,000 lbs of peelings when the cars were unloaded. We went to court - but lost.

When I relate the experiences of the company with which I was associated, it should be remembered that there were six competitors trying to outdo us. But for a number of years Fayetteville dried apple volume annually was over a million dollars. Our company had warehouses in New Orleans, Denver, Memphis, Birmingham, Atlanta, Kansas City, Omaha, Albuquerque, El Paso, Houston, San Antonio, Oklahoma City, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Chattanooga, Cairo, Dubuque, Shreveport, Pine Bluff , Amarillo, Texarkana and Little Rock. We even shipped pool cars to Winnipeg, Canada. A wholesale grocer in Bangor, Maine, got hold of a quotation and ordered fifty 50-lb boxes. They went through, were accepted and paid for. I rode out to Charley Coffelt's southwest of Rogers and gave him a cent a pound more than the market, in order to show those Maine people that we really had apples.

Bryan Snyder, general passenger agent of the Frisco, came to Rogers to make his home after he retired. He organized the Ozark Orchards Company. This company decided that 200 acres in the heart of the Farmington and Prairie Grove valleys west of Fayetteville was the ideal place for their experiment. They reallyhad an apple-land dream out there but the death of Snyder shattered the dream. It is still a wonderful orchard -- but drouth, a cyclone, two ice storms, and those contributing things that I have mentioned, puts it in the ordinary operation class now. The largest single apple operation in Arkansas now is the Pitts Brothers orchard on Sugar Hill, about 3 miles west of Lincoln, Ark. -- 250 acres.

W. S. Campbell
Dec.30, 1950

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BALLAD OF ZEKE PROCTOR

Zeke Proctor was an Indian outlaw bold
Who killed ten men and a woman I'm told.
The government said, "Zeke, if you behave
We'll sign a treaty and you'll reach your grave
Not by the hangman's noose but from your bed
And we'll all be glad when you're good and dead."

The only thing that soothed Zeke's savage breast
Was a lady's music -- at his request.

Zeke left Oklahoma for Arkansas;
He wasn't afraid of either state's law.
He sat with his back to a wall or tree
For a gun from behind he could not see.
While he shopped in a Cincinnati store
He heard sweet music and knocked on a door.

The only thing that soothed Zeke's savage breast
Was a lady's music -- at his request.

The pretty music teacher leaped in fright;
Zeke said, "Come down from the ceiling and light
On that piano stool and for me play!"
She never played better than on that day.
So Zeke fell for the pretty white teacher
Although he knew he never could reach 'er.

The only thing that soothed Zeke's savage breast
Was a lady's music -- at his request.

In a photo shop Zeke's picture was made;
Before the teacher his likeness he laid.
He could not court her -- an outlaw was he
Who sat with his back to a wall or tree
And listened to music from her fingers.
In Cincinnati this legend lingers.

By Ruth Holt Payne

THE CINCINNATI STORY

by Ruth Holt Payne

Cincinnati, a small village dozing peacefully between majestic wooded hills, lies about ten miles northwest of Lincoln, Ark. Its business section has dwindled to a mere fraction of what it was during the frontier days when it was classed as the "metropolis" of this region. In those days folks here didn't go to Fayetteville or Fort Smith for their shopping but to Cincinnati!

Old-timers claim the deterioration stemmed from the fact that when the railroad came through here in 1902 it by-passed Cincinnati and in the ensuing years businesses gravitated to the railroad towns. They look back on those flourishing days with pleasure and with regret at their passing.

Make no mistake, though, Cincinnati does not consist only of an historical name and a remnant of a town; Cincinnati community spreads out into the rich valley land and is very much alive. Among the residents in the farming section are several descendants of early families who still live on portions of the lands on which their forefathers settled and they are justifiably proud of their heritage.

At one time Cincinnati boasted as many as six general stores, one hardware store, two drug stores, a millinery shop and a feed store. Their stock was ordered from as far away as New York and Philadelphia. and covered quite a variety of merchandise of good style and quality.

There were two tan-yards, two saddle and harness makers, a hotel, a newspaper and both Masonic and Odd Fellow lodges. Dave, Gum and Han Moore had a flour mills, store and blacksmith shop, just east of Cincinnati's business section and "Moore's Mill" was a little community in itself. Another flour mill was owned by "Late & Son."

The well-remembered early merchant of Rhea's Mill, W. H. Rhea, had some of his first business in Cincinnati, and his sons, Wm. and Robert J. Rhea, each had a store there. Charles Cox was the owner of a drug store and James Oates, an Englishman and an uncle of Mrs. Agnes Gilbreath, came from Missouri and became quite a business man there. He set up a blacksmith shop, branching into what was called a "wagonyard" where he manufactured wagons, buggies, farming tools, and caskets.

The old Mason Hotel, built by Daniel Mason, was the only hotel ever built here. Long ago abandoned, it still claims a spectral existence in the decaying frame structure one sees on the highway in the north part of town. It is hard to conceive of this dilapidated building ever being the scene of dances and other social affairs, but so it was. All the traveling salesmen (called Drummers then) stopped there. The place was recently sold and the building is to be torn down. Long live its memory!

The exact date of the birth of Cincinnati cannot be determined but it was in existence, at least as a community, as early as 1835, as certain settlers arrived there about that time and their descendants

are still living in the community. In 1838 a post office was established under the name Sylva. It was the sixth postoffice in Washington County. The first postmaster in Sylva was John Cole, 1838. Subsequent-postmasters were Charles Severs 1843, Martin Thornsberry 1848, Joel Blair 1849, Joseph Dickson 1850, William Jones 1851, Martin Thornsberry December 1851.

The name was changed to Cincinnati in 1857. Postmasters under that name were Wm. Walker 1857, John Dienst 1866, Henry Martin 1867, Hagerman Shields 1871, James Oates 1879, James Burton 1883, Samuel Spence 1889, Robert J. Rhea 1893, Robert Tunnell 1895, Samuel Spence 1897, John Denman 1900, Maximillian Lewis 1901, Joe Dodson 1905, Miss Pearl Palmer 1907, Dolo Pasley 1908. Mail was changed to Summers in 1911.

The first combination school and church was a log structure near the old Union Cemetery. It was a "Union" or community church, as we would say today, where all denominations met on alternate Sundays and it was from this church that old Union Cemetery derives its name.

The Methodist and Presbyterian churches were established about the same time, about 1884 or 1885. Some early members of the Presbyterian church were the Dodson family, the Moore family, the Thomason family, John Parks and family, Baker Smith and family and Middleton Jones and family. Some early members of the Methodist church were the J.C.Claytons, the Sam Pedens, the J.C.Watts, the Stirling Smiths, the Pleasant Wests. Early Gilbreath families were Methodists but later some of them became Presbyterians.

Another Cincinnati cemetery is the Gibson family cemetery. The earliest dates on the gravestones are those of George Gibson who died in 1863 and his wife Barbara who died in 1858.

The second school was an Academy (both male and female), built in 1876. It was one of several Academies in existence at that time in this area, the best known being located at Cane Hill. The Cincinnati Academy was organized and operated by a stock company until 1877 when it was taken over by the Masonic Lodge. Sam Peden was president of the company, Daniel Mason vice-president, Thomas C. Welch treasurer, R. M. Reese secretary and John Watts assistant secretary.

Some early teachers were Prof.Thomas Welch, principal; Prof.Stuckey, Prof. Busey, Prof. James Bates, and Prof. John Mitchell. Will Rogers of Claremore, Okla., was once a pupil there. Deportment of pupils was checked both in and out of school and old-timers recall that children were not allowed to go through town after school. Perhaps they had chores waiting at home or it could have been to keep them out of mischief -- or out of the range of a stray bullet from the gun of a visiting border outlaw.

Some of the characters who frequented the town were not exactly respected citizens. Ned Christie, notorious outlaw, once robbed Moore's store; and the Indian outlaw, Zeke Proctor, was well known in town. He always dressed in Indian garb and his manner was alert and hostile enough to keep the townspeople at bay. It was his custom to sit with his back against a tree, as if he feared a bullet in it. As fate decreed, though, the man whose notched gun testified to the fact that he

had killed twelve people -- eleven men and one woman who was unfortunate to get in the line of his fire -- was to die a natural death.

W. C. Payne recalls seeing Zeke when the latter was an old man. Mr. Payne also recalls that when he was traveling through Oklahoma with his father in a wagon, the father pointed out the courthouse in Going Snake District where the outlaw was tried. Some sympathizer had slipped Zeke a gun and he slew practically the whole populace of the courtroom including the judge. Conveniently, someone had left a horse outside, and Zeke got away.

It is told that Zeke once entered the music studio of the teacher, Miss Myra McNair, and commanded her to play the piano. She did -- supposedly with no argument. He then stalked out to the photographer and had his tintype made and returned to present the picture to Miss McNair.

Some early doctors of Cincinnati who also served surrounding communities were Dr. Lacy, Dr. Robertson, Dr.Samuel Powell, Dr. Webster, Dr Gulledge, Dr.Pittman and Dr.Reese.

Now to mention some of the early families who helped to settle the district and contributed to the building of the town. One of the earliest to arrive was Ranshaw West who, with his family, came from the south and acquired about 1,000 acres near what was to become known as West Mountain. His son, Pleasant (Pleas) West, was an early school teacher and also manufactured the "West Wagons" in Cincinnati. Incidentally, Pleas West was the father of Mrs. Etha Lunsford, widow of the late Judge Thomas Lunsford. Mrs.Lunsford, now 87 but alert and unusually active for her age, was able to contribute quite a bit to the colorful aspect of this history.

When she was a baby, she relates, the Pleasant Wests traveled to California with a wagon train and she learned to walk in Idaho. When she was five, the family returned to Cincinnati, Ark., where they made their home. She took music from Mr. Dolgaruki, a Russian prince who made Cincinnati his home for several years. Her story goes that Dolgaruki was the son of the Czar by a morganatic marriage, became involved in a political upheaval and was banished to Siberia. In time he was smuggled out of Siberia and put aboard a ship bound for South America, in a salt barrel. What his adventures were from that time until he found his way to Cincinnati, Ark., no one knows.

Mrs.Lunsford says the children loved him and called him "Dolly". One of "Dolly's" talent and identity could not long remain in obscurity, which was his misfortune. His musical achievements here brought him such fame as to excite the notice of national newspapers, which spread the news of his identify and whereabouts. One day Dolgaruki vanished from Cincinnati. Legend has it that the Russians sent him word to come home, that he was forgiven. Legend also says that he sailed for Russia where he was arrested and put to death.

Another very early settler in Cincinnati was Daniel Thomason, who came to Rhea's Mill with his family in 1829 from Tennessee. In 1835 he moved to Cincinnati where he acquired extensive acreage in an area east of town. This land is still owned by the Thomason family. The

oldest member, Tilford (Tiff) 87, was born there and died just recently (Feb. 21, 1961). He was a member of the Washington County Historical Society ever since its founding. Tilford's son Reed's farm is a portion of the original Thomason land.

J. S. Tunnell and family originated in the South but came here from Hannibal, Mo. in 1877 and put in a general store. Members of the family are still living in the district.

John Dodson, with his family, came to Washington County from Tennessee in 1867, settling first in Benton County. About two years later they moved to Cincinnati where they have made their home. In 1897, John Dodson's sons, Joe and Jim, each had a general store but in 1898 they merged to become the Dodson Bros. Their brother Homer clerked in the store. They carried quite a variety of merchandise and acquired a reputation for quality goods and reasonable prices. Homer Dodson and his sister, Mrs. Fanny Steward, are Lincoln residents. Their brother Frank died a few years ago. Another brother, Fred, resides in Oregon. Joe dodson was also a Notary Public.

Some time before the Civil War the Gilbreath family came from Tennessee and first settled in Summers district. Later they moved to Cincinnati where they became farmers. Harnage and Spence, sons of Mrs. Agnes Gilbreath, and several others of the Gilbreath family are still living there.

Reynolds May and family came to Cincinnati from Maysville, Ark. where the Mays had settled some years before. The exact date of their arrival cannot be determined but Reynolds May is listed as a charter member of the Masonic Lodge in 1856. Hugh and Dick May were members of the Dolgaruki band. The oldest member of the May family at this writing is Mrs. Anna May. She is 98.

Other old family names that could be garnered are Wortham, Pool, Cox, James Fogg, John Chitwood, George Watts, Alec Craig, Columbus Seqy, Wm. Fuller, Reed, Thurman, Meadearis, Spears, Galbraith, Mack Pasley who came from Vinita, Okla. in 1903, L.C. Chapman who had a blacksmith shop, Foster who was a shoemaker, Waite and Tom Marquess who owned a store.

Masonic Lodge No. 102 was organized at Cincinnati in 1856 and the first meetings were held in the home of Jim West. Later a lodge hall was built upstairs in the Academy. The Lodge is still active and now meets in the top story of the Community Hall. The charter was stolen during the war and was replaced in 1866 by a second chater. Many years later, the first charter was found among some old papers that had belonged to a Mr. Stone who died in 1865, and was returned to the Lodge. Both the first and second charters are framed and hanging on the wall of the present Lodge Hall. Charter members of this Lodge were George Gibson, R. May, J.R.Rutherford, D.B.Mason, J.R.Parks, W.H.Rhea, Moses Alberty and J.C.Severs.

It is not generally known that Cincinnati once had a newspaper. It was called the Argus and was published by A.J.Edmiston and Son.

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RECORD OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH at WEST FORK

by Bernice Karnes

Written on the fly leaf of this old record of the West Fork Christian Church is the following paragraph:

> I do hope no one will wright or be so vile a wretch as to tear from this Church Record any leaves for any purpose. -- Feb. 5, '93.

(But some one did tear out pages 193 to 198 inclusive. B.K.)

The following list of members appears on pages 18-19. The names are written in a flourishing handwriting, parts of the letters shaded.

1893 February - Disciples Worshiping at West Fork

1. Bloyed, James
2. Curtis, F. F. deceased
3. Combs, M. M. 12 preached
4. Carelton, J. D.
5. Curtis, R. G.

16. Curtis, G. A.

6. Epps, T. (or N.)
7. Emerson, Wm.
8. Gilbreath, S. D.
9. Karnes, Wm. at Cammel (Campbell)
10. Karnes, John
11. Karnes, J. M.
    Karnes, Andrew deceased
    Karnes Andrew
12. McKnight, Thos.
13. Marshall, J. L.
14. Robinson, J. W.
15. Robinson, A. C.
17. Bell, J. W.
    Rutherford, Mary (or May)
    Rutherford, Ellen

The list of the women members appears on pages 22-23, in the same handwriting as the above list.

1893 February 5 - Disciples of Christ
Worshiping at West Fork, Ark.

1. Brown, Bettie
2. Brown, Ader (Ada)
3. Curtis, N. J.
4. Curtis, Allie
5. Curtis, Eliza
6. Carlton
7. Emerson, Forance
8. Everet, Mary
9. Gilbreath, Sallie
10. Graham, Matilda
11. Gilbreath, Ethel
12. Karnes, Lucinda (Cammel)
13. Karnes, Rachel
14. Karnes, S.W. deceased Sep.20,95
15. Karnes, Harriett
16. Marshall, Mary A.
17. McKnight, Elizabeth
18. McConnel, Edmonia
20. Axendine, Neltie
21. Robinson, Nora
22. Robinson, Molley
23. Robinson, Martha
24. Stockburger, M. S.
25. Winn, Mary
26. Winn, Media

Sept. 20, 1896

Eva Karnes
Lucinda Bell
J. W. Bell
Edney Bell
Gus York
Arda Karnes
Golahar
Sara Colyer
Mrs. Collyer died Nov. 22, 1892

New members added to the church Oct. 2, 1904. By immersion — Nora Robinson, Tony Fitts, Anna Fitts, Etta Fitts, Maud Gilbreath, Bertha Epps, Altha Winn, Roy Robinson, Willie Jones. Oscar Malone added

later. United with the church at this place by confessing membership: Cinda Epps, Bertie Flood, Fannie Brown. By baptism Sept. 28, 1905 -- Allie McKnight, Mattie Brown.

United by baptism, Oct. 21, 1905-- Maud Little, Dessie Carter, Ollie Carter, Lillie Males. Mrs. Jane Webber by membership.

United by membership Nov. 5, 1905 -- (Mrs.?) Flo Gilbreath, W.G. Gilbreath, Mrs.W.G.Gilbreath, Dr.Gabert, W.H. Brown, Mary Hope, Sallie Malone, W.F. Little. No date -- Mrs.B.F.Hardin. Dec. 1906 -- Lucinda Brown. Aug. 5, 1907 -- Jno. Winn, Roy Malone, Nora Smith.

Here follows a record of attendance and occasionally contributions for 1893. The attendance record is detailed, as can be seen from the following samples:

BLOYED, JAMES

								$100
Feb. 5	ab	12	pr	19		26		
Mar. 5	ab	12	ab	19	ab	26	ab	
Apr. 2		9		16		23		$30

CURTIS, F. F.

Feb. 5	25c	12	pr	19		26		
Mar. 5	pres	12	pr	19	ab	26	pr	25c
Apr. 2		9		16		23		
Sept.10	25c							
Oct. 8	25c							
	1.00							

KARNES, JOHN							KARNES, RACHEL						
Feb. 5	ab	12	ab	19	26		Feb.5	ab					
Mar. 5	ab	12	ab	19	ab	26 pr	Mar.5		12	ab	19	26	pr
Apr. 2		9		16		23 pr	Apr.2		9		16	23	

A page or a half page is devoted to each of the following accounts: R.G.Curtis, J.D.Carlton, M.M.Combs, T.Y.Epps, Wm.Emerson and Florende, S.D.Gilbreath, Wm. and Lucinda Karnes, J.M.Karnes, Thos. and Elizabeth McKnight, J. L. and Mary A. Marshall, J. W. and Molley Robinson. Notation after some of these names -- "Not able to attend church." Other notations: "S. W. Karnes, sick not able to attend. Deceased Sept.20, 1895." Matilda Graham, "Sent in her contribution 25c." "Mackey membership not here." Edmoney McConnell attending at Sulphur City 10 miles away." "Not identified gave 50c." "Drew out of Treasurer for wine 50c."

Sunday, Nov. 5, 1905 -- The Christian Church at West Fork was reorganized, with Bro. M.M. Combs as minister.

Elders: W.F. Little, A.C. Robinson, W.G. Gilbreath, Geo.A. Curtis

Deacons: J.A. Karnes, J.W. Fitts, W.H. Brown (died Apr. 9, 1915)

Lay members: John Karnes, J.W. Robinson, A.C. Robinson, J.M.Karnes, T.Y.Epps, James Bloyed, R.G.Curtis, G.A.Curtis, J.A.Karnes, Adah Curtis, Eliza Curtis, Florence Emerson, Rachel Karnes, Harriet Karnes, Elizabeth McKnight, Nora Robinson, Mollie Robinson, Martha Robinson, Mary S.Stockburger, Eva Karnes, Mary Winn, Media Winn ("moved Aug.5, 1907").

Gilham C. Yoes conducted meetings as a result of which the following new members were added Oct.15, 1907: By baptism (services by Bro.Yoes) Bertha Webber, Mamie Bloyed, Tona Fitts, May Bridges, Lula Gilbreath Andrew Gilbreath; by statement Chas. Lewis, Mrs.Sarah Little, Mrs.Adah Lewis, Mollie Privett, Nora Winn, Media Winn, Chas. Privett.

New members added in August 1908: By baptism John and Elen Dearing; by statement Cannon Rutherford ("backslid"). March 7 Mrs.Cora (Dora?) Polk, Eva Karnes. New members added to church by Elder Crane in Sept. 1908: By baptism Mary Ramey, Grace Karnes, Celia Webber, Lola Curtis, Maud Epps, Terry Bullington, Beula Robinson, Bess Gilbreath.

As result of Rev. Lockhart's meeting in December 1909, the following were "added by membership": Mr. and Mrs.Walter Robinson, Mrs.Bledsoe; "by immersion" Mrs. W.T. Gabbert, Mr. and Mrs. F.J. Males.

Following Bro. Chastain's meeting in 1911 the following were added to the church roll: Oscar Curtis, Gladys Curtis, Effie Curtis (by letter), Perry Smith, H.E.Tooker, Beulah Lewis, Ova Lewis, Myrtle Karnes, Geo. Dearing, Aubrey Lewis. By Rev. Lockhart: Mr. and Mrs. J.H.Evans, Mrs.Sallie Webb. Added by letter, Sept.29, 1912: Mr.and Mrs.Forington, Mrs.J.M.Roberts.

In July 1915, following another of Bro.Chastain's meetings, the following new members were added: Melva Karnes, Jewel Curtis, Fay Epps, W.H.Mahoney, Lillie Fitts, Inez Fittz. At this time also the following became members: Mrs.Rose Jones, Mrs.O.R.Smith, Eva Smith, T.J.Epps and Dr.S.Johnston.

In August 1920 Bro. Cameron added the following to the membership roll: Opal Brown, Dorothea Gilbreath, Lucille Woods, Neta Woods, Mrs. Nuckols, Verna Curtis, Ercel Curtis, Anna Emerson, Verbal Robinson, Bernice Karnes, Katy Robinson, Rose Winn, Josie Hardin, Madaline Dye, Arthur Winn, Willie Emerson, Fred Emerson, Verna Stockburger, White Curtis, Edgar Hope, Herman Karnes, Beulah Dokes, Beulah Walker, Viola Phillips, Thelma Carter, Reno Thrasher, Alma Epps, Virge Brown, Bessie Brown, Bee Males, Arvil Dokes, John Brown, Arlie Winn, Wirt Underhill, Vol Epps, Lesther McKnight -- 36 by immersion; and the following by statement: Mr. and Mrs. Charley Woods, Mr.and Mrs. J.W. Woods, Mr. Fagle and Emma Brown.

On October 5, 1920 the Board was reorganized, with J.W.Woods, J.W. Fitts, and Geo. A. Curtis as Elders, and Vard Davis, C.A. Woods, J. T. Brown and Virge Brown as Deacons.

The old church record continues, with entries dated Aug. 20, 1923 (20 new members); March 14, 1925 (4 members); July 7, 1926 (7 members); Aug. 3, 1927 (25 members); Aug. 3, 1927 (5 members); Dec. 4, 1927 (5 members); Aug. 1928 (2 members); July 1930 (1 by baptism); Oct. 5, 1933 (7 members); July to August (27 members); and 15 single entries between 1937 and 1944.

The church building was erected in 1907. The records contain the following letter from the Board of Church Extension of the American Christian Missionary Society:

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 17, 1907

Geo. A. Curtis,
West Fork, Ark.

My Dear Brother Curtis:

I have just received yours of the 16th inst. and enclose you herewith application blanks on which you will please ask for a loan of $350 on your new church building. Our next Board meeting is on the first Tuesday of February. Please fill out the enclosed blanks fully and carefully and return to me at your earliest convenience. Please count on nothing definite until you hear from me after the Board meeting. Rejoicing in your prospect of a new building, I am

Faithfully yours,
G. W. Muckley

The record contains the following "Statement of Cost" of the church building:

Paid for hard lumber.....	$111.65	
Pine lumber and hardware.....	709.45	
Lewis for work.....	185.00	
Lewis for extra work.....	22.50	
Getting out rock.....	8.00	
Lot.....	50.00	
Painting.....	25.00	
To Roberts for lumber.....	.80	
Bud Little work.....	.25	
Tin valleys guttering.....	9.00	$1,121.65

The list of subscriptions for the new church shows that 32 members contributed $704.50. Seventeen Fayetteville business firms added $108.50, making a total of $813.00.

BOOK BARGAINS

F. P. Rose, 323 N. 3rd St., Rogers, Ark., who is a long-time member of our Society, is breaking up his large library and offers the following items for sale to the first comer:

1. Arkansas: A Guide to the State. American Guide Series, Arkansas Writers Project. 5½ x 8 inches, 450 pages. Practically new. Original price of book $4 and will sell it for that.

2. The Battle of Atlanta and Other Campaigns, by Maj.Gen. G.M.Dodge. Includes description of battles of Wilson's Creek and Pea Ridge. Size of book 6 x 9 inches, 183 pages, with 18 full-page illustrations. Will take $5 for it.

3. Illustrated History of the Holy Bible, by John Kitts D.D., edited by Alvan Bond D.D. Published by Henry Bill, Norwich, Conn., 1866. Size of book 6 x 9 inches, 656 pages. Leather bound and in excellent condition. Worth $15; will take $6 for it.

4. Report of US Commissioner of Agriculture, 1888. 6 x 9 inches. 708 pages, 75 full-page illustrations of vegetation, birds, insects, etc. Book in excellent condition. Will sell for $5.

And many more.

School Directors' Record Book

for CAMPBELL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 20
Washington County, Arkansas

School election May 1890 -- Lafayette Reed was elected chairman -- Levi Chandler and E.B. Cox appointed clerks. Votes cast 28: E.B. Cox, Joel Reed, James Reed, Wilson Graham, Jacob Yoes, John Graham, C. H. Coverdale, F.E.Robinson, J.W.Moore (?), L.Reed, C.L.Foster, Levi Chandler, J.B. Webb, J.A. Hensey, Jacob Hensey, A.L. Walker, R.L.D.Walker, J.H. Tyson, F.P. Reed, W.C. Graham, L. Cate, D.F. Hope, A.S.Males, L.M. Ramsey, W. Karnes, H.R. Miller, Sam Alexander and Rufus Morrison.

The results of the 1890 vote were: Joel Reed, for director, 13; R.M. Ramsey, for director 14. For tax 11; no tax 14.

May 17, 1890. On motion of L.Reed, Levi Chandler, David Hope and A.S. Males were elected a building committee. The record of the pledges for a building were as follows:

Campbell School House, West Fork F.R., Washington Co., May 17, 1890. We the undersigned agree to pay the sum set opposite our names, the same to be applied on building a school house in District No. 20, Washington County., Ark., in cash, material or labor, same to be paid Oct. 1st, 1890.

Lafayette Cate . . .	$5.00	Wilson Graham	3.00
E. B. Cox.	5.00	Frank E. Robinson . .	5.00
Joel Reed.	5.00	A. S. Males	10.00
Jno. Winn.	20.00	Levi Chandler	10.00
Lafayette Reed . . .	35.00	J. B. Webb.	5.00
J. W. Hencey	10.00	Thos. Reed.	1.50
David Hope	20.00	Chas. L. Foster . . .	2.50
Jas. Reed.	10.00	Sam Alexander	1.00
Wm. Karnes	20.00	W. C. Graham.	2.00
R. M. Ramsey	5.00	----- Miller (?). . .	2.50

May 16, 1891. Another list of pledges, totaling $168.00 -- added for "the purpose of building a school house in District No. 20 for school and church purposes free to all denominations." Henry Ramey pledged $15.00 "if land deeded for that purpose." The election in 1891 had A.S.Males chairman, J.H.Dearing and E.B.Cox clerks. 31 votes cast.

The first teacher's contract was dated May 1888 employing Chas. L. Foster for teacher for five months commencing August 6, 1888, for the sum of $30.00 per month. Contract signed by W.C.Graham, R.L.D.Walker and R. M. Ramsey, directors. On June 4, 1889 a similar contract was given the same teacher but signed by R.M.Ramsey, W.Karnes and E.B.Cox. The next contract was dated June 6, 1892. H. P. Johnson was hired for three months at $33.33 per month; signed by E.B. Cox and J.H. Dearing.

Enclosed in the record book is a letter as follows:

Lowell, Ark., Oct.2nd 1892

Mr. E.B.Cox, J.H.Dearing, L.H.Ramsey,
Directors Dist. No. 20.
Dear Sirs:

I hereby send in my resignation of your school. You can now employ any teacher you wish to consume my contract. I hereby return my contract to said school. I hope you will secure a good teacher. I did my best. H. P. Johnson, Teacher

The letter was addressed to E.B.Cox, Staunton, Ark. (In lower left-hand corner: Greenland, Washington Co.).

The next contract was dated October 3, 1892, to Lucy Robinson, to teach 17 days commencing October 3, for $30.00. Signed: E.B.Cox and L.H.Ramey. July 7, 1893 a contract was given to T.F.Shuler for $35.00 per month, signed by L.H.Ramey, L.Reed and A.S.Males. All the previous contracts had provided for school to be kept open six hours per day. This one called for eight hours per day.

Frank Wolverton was hired as teacher May 29, 1890, for $40.00 per month. E.B. Cox, W. Karnes and R.M.Ramsey directors. On July 30, 1891 Demetrius Ramsey was employed by R.M. Ramsey and L.H. Ramey for $25.00 per month.

Financial Record

Receipts		Expenditures	
1888 From all sources	$175.46	1888 For school purposes	$165.45
1889 Funds belonging to Dist.No.20 -- US currency	$108.31		
July 18, 1889 - U.S.Currency	$4.55		
Jan. 14, 1890 - " "	27.81		
1890 - " "	76.50		
1891 - " "	30.60		
1892 - " "	108.58		
1893 - " "	28.60		

First Annual Report, June 30, 1888

Pupils enrolled: Males 37; females 25; Total 62
Average daily attendance: Males 19¼; females 22½; Total 41-3/4

Pupils taught			
Orthography	62		
Reading	40	Teacher - Chas.L.Foster	
Mental arithmetic	0	Grade of License - One	
Written arithmetic	20	Salary - $30.00	
English grammar	0	Taxes - 5 mills	
Geography	10	School house - log	
Penmanship	15	Condition, bad. Cost $100.	
History	10	Condition of grounds, good.	
Higher branches	0		
	Receipts	$175.46	
	Salaries	150.00	
	For furniture and apparatus	15.00	
	Amount on hand	10.01	

The first enumeration in 1889 listed 90 persons. Boys and girls were listed separately:

D. Ramsey
Norris Yoes
A. L. Walker
S. S. Swift
H. Reed
Rufus Reed
Jno. Reed
Reuben Miller
Ben Hope
Wm. Graham
George Hope
Loddie Karnes
George Reed
Geo. Dormeyer
Wm.(?) Ramsey
Sherman Lee
Jas. Cox
Rosene Robinson
Poka Reed
Jack Quirton
Fred Reed
Eddie Quirton
Tolbert Graham
Spencer Tyson
Thos. Dearing
Claude Males
Frank Alexander
Evart Alexander
Geo. Alexander
Miles Foster

Wm. Reed
West. Ramsey
Wilson Graham
Andrew Graham
Geo. Graham
Jas. Graham
Harvey Graham
Freddie Tyson
L. Hensey
Levi Graham
Ulyses Graham
Hattie Graham
Wm. Graham
Jno. Graham
Jno Washburne
Jas. Washburne
Noah Covendale
Arland Yoes
Jas. Ramey
Albert Miller
Wm. Reed
Taylor Lee
Wm. Bird
Caleb Martin
Jake Gray
Mary Ramsey
Nora Reed
Ora Reed
Polly Lee
Dorothy Martin

Dora Martin
Betty Yoes
Allie Hope
Alta Alexander
Pattie Reed
Ella Alexander
Allie Washburne
Eliza Lee
Meta Miller
Alice Ramey
Laura Cox
Maude Quirnton
Aggie Reed
Rosa Ramsey
Nannie Lee
Mandy Lee
Artie Karnes
Etta Hope
Effie Reed
Ivy Yoes
Della Yoes
Ida Alexander
Retha Robinson
Nannie Dormeyer
Lulu Reed
Augie Graham
Ida Graham
Mattie Graham
Laura Reed
Ella Reed

In 1892, 73 pupils were enumerated; also three colored children -- Tobe, Bobbie and Toney Spencer.

Millage receipts for the Campbell School (District No.20) are shown on post cards from the Washington County treasurer, as follows:

July 21, 1890	$ 76.50	- Wm. S. Tunstill, treasurer
Feb. 2, 1891	30.60	- K. C. Cummings, treasurer
Aug. 16, 1892	108.58	- K. C. Cummings, treasurer
Feb. 20, 1893	28.61	- W. H. Blackburn, treasurer
June 27, 1893	102.73	- W. H. Blackburn, treasurer

BENTON COUNTY SOCIETY MEETS AT SILOAM SPRINGS

Eleven members of the WCHS attended the January meeting of the Benton County Historical Society at SiloamSprings, and heard W.F.McLaughlin of our Society speak on "Sidelights of the Battle of Pea Ridge." In a business session the Benton County society approved the formation of a "Pea Ridge Memorial Association" whose purpose will be to stage an annual observance on the anniversary of the battle. The 99th anniversary observance is planned for Sunday, March 5, 1961. WCHS members who attended the meeting at Siloam Springs were Roy A.Scott,president; W.J.Lemke, J.A.Reed, Mr.and Mrs.W.F.McLaughlin, Mr.and Mrs.Frank Giles, Mr. and Mrs.Robert R. Logan, Mr.and Mrs.W.W.Vaught.

KIND WORDS ABOUT THE "GAY NINETIES" PICTURE ISSUE

The "Gay Nineties" issue of FLASHBACK is marvelous! What a grand job you and your helpers have done!

(Mrs.) Helen Fulbright Douglas,
1 Mt.Nord, Fayetteville, Ark.

I have just finished looking through the Bonus Edition of FLASHBACK, "The Gay Nineties", and I must say that it is truly worth every one's time to look at and read. I really did appreciate it. It is another example of the great work that the Washington County Historical Society is doing to preserve our early heritage.

Maurice Cotham Shelby,
PO Box 511, Edna, Texas

"The Gay Nineties and the Turn of the Century" is of great interest and historical value, but I have one reservation. The effect of some of the pictures is lost because they are too small. I think it would be better to use fewer pictures and make them larger. I feel sure "The Gay Nineties" is of particular interest to many people in your part of the state. With best wishes.

J.N.Heiskell, editor,
Arkansas Gazette, Little Rock

Thank you for the copy of the "Bonus Edition of FLASHBACK" which you kindly mailed to us. It is a beautiful number and we shall be very happy to give it a place in our Library. We wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the fine work you are doing in helping to preserve and publish records pertaining to your particular county. Your magazines have much that will be helpful in genealogical research and this last number is beautifully prepared and will be of interest to many, many people.

Miss Ellen Hill, Library Supervisor
Genealogical Society, Salt Lake City, Utah

I have just finished looking through the picture issue of FLASHBACK. It certainly is interesting to me, since so many of my friends and relatives are in it. It was a pleasure to see my uncle's picture, Lieut. R.W.Hansard. He was a noted photographer in Bentonville 1870 to the late 90's when he passed on and was buried beside his wife in Bentonville Cemetery. I placed flowers on their grave a short time ago. His brother, John W. Hansard, was a photographer in Fayetteville for years. I stayed with them 1895-6 when I attended the UofA, then called A.I.U. I also see his son, C.O.Hansard, in a group in FLASHBACK. And so many others that I know. I used to buy shoes for my store from Fay Reed when he was salesman for the Brown Shoe Co. Dr.Ellis, Dee Seamster, Also Alvin, with Vol Walker, the Carnahans, the Moores and many other good people of your town and region I knew so well. Dean Wesley Droke, Mary Ann Davis, Miss Holcombe, Dr.H.D.Wood who graduated with my uncle, Dr.E.P.Hansard in the 1870s from St.Louis Medical School. Come up some time and we will talk things over. At the age of 83 I have seen and heard of many things.

S. D. Woods, Sulphur Springs, Ark.

Congratulations on the best number your Society ever put out -- "The Gay Nineties". Walter F. Lackey, Low Gap, Ark.

FAMILY HISTORY.....FAMILY HISTORY.....FAMILY HISTORY

Do you have any information on Shadrach Skaggs, born in Kentucky in 1813, who had sons named Jacob Smith, Charles, and Jasper; daughters named Lydia Aston, wife of J.H.Aston; Susan Hamnes, C.Camners, Lucinda and Sarah J.? All children were born in Arkansas, place unknown. Any information would be appreciated.

Mrs. R. L. Skaggs,
3308 Linda Dr., Amarillo, Texas

Do you happen to have anything on record of a Powder Mill on the Illinois River in Washington County, Ark.? A Mr.Cates owned the mill in the 1840s and one of the Cates men was drowned there in the 1830s. I am interested in getting any information on this Cates family or other Cates data. There were Cates living in vicinity of Springfield, Mo. in 1840s. All of these Cates were my kin.

Mrs. C. E. Moore,
557 So.Beach St., Fort Worth 5,Tex.

Add the following to your Bloyed file. Lucinda Bloyed, born 4 May, 1849, died 4 March 1910, married (2nd) Joseph Calhoun Oldham, born 18 Nov. 1837, died 19 July 1916, West Fork, Ark. J.C.Oldham was my great-grandfather. I have copies of their grave stones. I am also wondering if the Thomas McKnight who married Elizabeth Bloyed is the same Henry Thomas McKnight who married Mahala Oldham. She died 3 July 1890. Ask Bernice Karnes to please write me.

Mrs. John E. Reeder,
4545 Georgia St., SanDiego 13,Calif.

I appreciate your kindness toward my inquiries regarding my ancestors, the Billingsleys. It seems to me I have a good reason to connect with the Billingsleys in Washington County, Arkansas. But I can't be positive. My grandfather died about 1898 in Lamar County, Ala. His father and my gr-grandfather came from Mississippi. His name was Jeptha Jr. His wife was Ann Randolph. You have a J.Billingsley, a J.D. Billingsley and a J.L.Billingsley listed in your FLASHBACKs, any one of whom could be Jeptha. Jeptha Billingsley and Ann Randolph had these sons: Elisha, Mathis, Clayton, Burdine, Benjamin, Sim, Burgy and Newt. Any information you can supply will be greatly appreciated.

H. H. Billingsley, Blossburg, Alabama

Can you give me an idea where I might write to get a copy of the will or death certificate of John T.Bayley who died in Madison County, Ark. between 1870-1880, or his wife Kessiah (Tunnell) Bayley who died shortly after the war, probably in early 1865? I have written to the Madison County clerk and the custodian of the cemetery but no reply. I have been told that the people I would like to find the records on are buried in either the Ledbetter cemetery or somewhere in Madison County. They came to Madison County, Ark., in 1836 and settled in what was Richland Township, and lived and died in that area. They came from Harlan County, Ky. and the Cumberland Gap area. I need any of the following: Bayley (Bailey), Tunnell, Lucas, Hunter. I am perfectly willing to pay a reasonable fee for anything I can get.

Mrs. G. M. Cope,
416 Helena, Ridgecrest, California

Am enclosing money order for $22 to cover 1961 membership, 11 of the booklets, and advance payment on "Tuttle-Cunningham Family" and "Smith Cates Family." I hope to qualify for one of the "Pioneer" certificates -- my Biltons seem to have been at or near Evansville -- and we seem sure that Mrs. Thos.Dunagan, his first wife, was our great-aunt Celia Bilton, sister of my grandmother, Mary Jane Bilton Mitchell. I found a George Bilton in the 1840 census of Vineyard Township. Also noted in FLASHBACK that the Sheriff's 1829 tax list had George Belton. My great-grandfather was Thomas Bilton, born in England.

Mrs. Wm. J. Little
1318 S. Reno, El Reno, Okla.

If this will not put too much of a burden on you, I should like to have the names and addresses of any Bates families living in Arkansas. Also, the names of any Molloy (Malloy) family living there. My great-grandfather, Henderson Andrew Bates, went to Washington County, Ark., in 1829. He is listed in your 1830 census. If you know what he did for a livelihood, I should like to know. I do not know where he is buried. They lived at Cane Hill and Mt.Comfort, I believe. He died about 1880. Is there a will recorded there for him?

Mrs. Kate H. Parker,
PO Box 371, SanAugustine, Tex.

Recently a distant relative showed me the July 1960 edition of FLASHBACK. The article in this magazine on "The William and John Thaddeus Skelton Families" by Alan Gordon Skelton contains information on the family of Charles Hutcheson of Bledsoe Co., Tenn. Charles Hutcheson's daughter Sally was my great-grandmother. She married James Roberson (called Robinson in the sketch). Their daughter Mary Rebekah was my grandmother. She married Joseph B. Haskew in Bledsoe County 1854. My father Joseph was the youngest child. I would greatly appreciate it if you would give me the address of the author of the Skelton article so that I might write him. Also I am enclosing check for $3 for a subscription to FLASHBACK.

Mrs. Eula Haskew,
1004 Main Ave., Brownwood, Tex.

My great-grandfather was Isaac Cates Thompson, b. 1835 Tenn., came to Arkansas 1852, married about 1857 Hannah Elliott. They had four children: John Henry, b. 1859; Charles M., b. 1861; Wm. Franklin, and Alvada (called Allie). Charles M. Thompson was my grandfather. The Isaac Cates Thompsons moved to Texas about 1878. They made several trips back to Washington Co., Ark. Isaac Cates Thompson (b. 1835) was the son of Leonard M. Thompson (b. 1806) who died at Wheeler, Ark., 1890. Isaac Cates Thompson was a farmer and blacksmith and Confederate soldier. He died in Texas 1915. His wife Hannah died in Texas in 1907. Hannah Elliott Thompson had brothers Bob and James Elliott, also a sister who married a Carter and another sister who married a Davis. Are any Elliott descendants living there now? My other Benton and Washington County ancestors were the Robert Whites who came to Benton Co. (Beaty Twp) about 1840 and my Cates ancestors were in Washington Co. in the 1840s if not earlier. I am a new member of the Washington County Historical Society and am looking forward to their historical articles.

Mrs. C. E. Moore
557 S.Beach St., Fort Worth,Tex.

FAMILY HISTORY.....FAMILY HISTORY.....FAMILY HISTORY

I am appreciative of the fine job the Society is doing. I am a native of Washington County and my grandparents, William Hugh and Julia Rutherford Campbell, lived there long before the Civil War. William Hugh Campbell was in the Confederate service; he became ill and was allowed to return to his home where he died. His records are in the Arkansas History Commission, Little Rock. Tradition has the John Rutherford family in Washington County as early as 1827-28 and coming from eastern Tennessee. I notice that the WCHS Newsletter mentioned Sweet Home as Prairie Grove's first post office. I have a (preserved) letter that was written to my grandfather, William Hugh Campbell, addressed to him at Sweet Home, Washington County, Ark., from his sister, Mary Campbell Henderson, at Golansville, Va. This letter was written Sept.1 1846. My grandfather was born near Bowling Green in Caroline County, Va. His family came to that county over 200 years ago and some of them still live in Caroline County.

Mrs. A. J. Spicer,
1706 Camden Way, Oklahoma City,Okla.

Enclosed check for 1961 dues and a copy of Booklet 17, "Cemetery Rists of Fayetteville." My great-grandfather, Dr. Wm. Edward Throckmorton, lived in Fayetteville prior to his coming to Collin County, Texas, about 1841-42. I think his first wife died in Arkansas. I'm wondering if his second wife, Melinda Clement (my great-grandmother), married him in Fayetteville. Do you have a professional genealogist who could do some research for me on the Throckmorton and Clement families?

Forrest Daniell,
3611 Sunset Rd., Houston 5, Texas

I am enclosing my check to cover membership and Item 16 (Session Minutes of Salem Congregation, Boonsboro, 1865-1905). I am interested in purchasing any back numbers of FLASHBACK that have articles about Cane Hill. My great-grandfather, J.A.L.McColloch, and his brother came from Maryville, Tenn., to Cane Hill in 1839. He married a Dyer and the McCollochs remained unrelated to the old settlers until my grandfather married a Lacey. When Mrs.Ellen Richardson wrote her"Early Settlers of Cane Hill", I prepared, at her request, a chapter on the "Geography of Cane Hill." This described the topography, plant life, and rock formations. Too bad that the Library of Congress did not get a copy of Mrs. Richardson's book. I have been to their rare-book reading room and read "Desperadoes of the Southwest" by A.A.Arrington.

Lacy P. McColloch, 3140 University Blvd.
Kensington, Maryland

Enclosed check for $8 for 1961 dues and 3 booklets. You may be interested to know that the following ancestors of mine were living in Washington County before the Civil War. My two grandfathers were W.S. Moore and Albert Buchanan; both served in Confederate army. Two of my great-grandfathers were John Rankin Pyeatt and Rev. John Buchanan. My gr-gr-grandfather Isaac Buchanan died 1836 and is buried at Cane Hill. Another pair of gr-grandparents are buried at Mt.Comfort -- Jonathan and Susan Clark. When you see Dr."Buck" Buchanan, my uncle, give him our regards. I hope some time to make a vacation trip down there and see and meet members of the WCHS.

R. M. Buchanan, Wexford, Pa.

I shall appreciate it if you can help me on my families. My great-grandfather, James Reed Wilson, was born in 1817, either in Missouri or Tennessee. About 1840 he married Elizabeth Pettigrew in Washington County, Ark. Their children were: Charles L., Wm. J., Nancy A., Lafayette A., James P., Martha Emma and George (twins), Thomas, Marion, About 1857 the family moved to Texas. James Reed Wilson had an only sister, who married a Ritter in Arkansas. Thank you for any help.

Mrs.W.T.Garner, Jacksboro, Texas

I am working on our Cox and Van Winkle family history. In your October FLASHBACK you stated that you spent a week in the courthouse at Batesville, Ark. Our great-uncle Thomas Cox lived in Batesville. He was born in Indiana 1830, was admitted to the Arkansas bar in Batesville in 1856, was married to Laura A. Cox who was born in Mississippi in 1837. We would like very much to know the name of Thomas Cox's father and any other information. We know he had one sister, Amy Cox Smart and three brothers -- James Christopher Cox (my great-grandfather), Pleasant Cox, Jehu, Bluford, and perhaps others. James C. Cox married first in Missouri and second to Elizabeth VanWinkle.

Mrs. Raymond Price, Bertram, Texas

Some time ago I had a letter handed me by the local postmaster from a James Bennett Childs, Library of Congress, asking about Col. Phillip Trammell who lived at White River, Arkansas Territory in the 1820s and 1830s. The Washington County Tax List shows Phillip Trammell listed in 1836 as owning a 40-acre tract in Sec. 2, Twp 15 (N), Range 29 (West). His daughter married Noah Webster Boone in Washington County in 1835. Trammell does not show in the 1840 census, so Childs thinks he may be buried on White River in his full uniform of 1812. If the name means anything to you or anyone in your Society, I would appreciate it if you would get the information to me or Mr.Childs.

Jno.P.Morrow,Jr., Batesville, Ark.

I am continuing my search for records to prove or disprove that the William Hammack who died in the battle of Prairie Grove and is buried on that battlefield was my uncle. Perhaps there is someone who can tell me where I may find the muster rolls of the Southern armies in that battle. I had another uncle, James Hammack, who enlisted on the same day at Magnolia, Ark. They went into different units. Uncle Jim returned, knew nothing about what had become of his brother William. I think that the William Hammack who died at Prairie Grove was not one of the Benton or Washington County Hammacks but that he was my uncle, William Hammack.

Henry F. Hammack, McRae, Ark.

It was my pleasure to visit Fayetteville last summer. I had an interesting interview with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nix on N.Willow St. Through them I got acquainted with FLASHBACK, your splendid WCHS magazine. One purpose of my trip was to seek information about Thomas C. Bean, his father Colmore Bean, and his brothers, John J. and Oscar B. Bean, all of whom lived in Fayetteville in the 1840s. I've been gathering material for some time to write a biography of Thomas C. Bean who came to Texas from Arkansas and accumulated a vast fortune. So far I have not been able to establish a relationship to Mark Bean of Cane Hill. I would appreciate any clues along that line that you or any of your readers might give me.

Miss Gladys B. Ray,
Whitewright, Texas

LETTERS FROM READERS.....LETTERS.....LETTERS FROM READERS

I have just received my copy of "The Gay Nineties" and have enjoyed it very much. I think it is wonderful what the Society is doing to preserve the history of Washington County. I am going to try and find pictures and information of the old Pyeatt Mill at Cane Hill. I have a picture of dried fruit which was hauled into Cane Hill on wagons and sold to the highest bidders on each Saturday during the apple season. It was taken in 1902. Would be glad for you to have a copy.

Mrs. J. H. Pyeatt, Lincoln, Ark.

We are enjoying the "Gay Nineties" pictorial edition. James W. Bassett, Railway Commission, Austin, Texas, has a collection of old Arkansas pictures. He grew up at Durham and went to school in Fayetteville. His mother was a Williams. He married Pansy Greer, whose father was once County Judge of Washington County.

Von Carter,
210 No.K St., Muskogee, Okla.

Enclosed is my check for $25 as a contribution to the Society.I will appreciate it if you will list $3 of this amount as covering membership dues for my sister, Mrs. Preston B. Postlethwaite, St.Louis, Mo. She was the former Sybil Mitchell.

S. A. Mitchell,
705 Olive St., St.Louis 1, Mo.

I am so glad to find someone that has information about my grandfather, Judge Hiram Davis. I would like to know where he was born in Tennessee? What was his father's name? Did he have brothers and sisters? Where was he educated? I know my grandfather came to Texas during the Civil War but I don't know where. My mother, Annie Kate Davis, was born 1855 and she could tell us a few things but we didn't talk to our parents enough. I know that her half-brother Albert Peel was in the army. Anything you might have about Hiram Davis to make him come to life for me would be appreciated. I went to Arkansas about 10 years ago but could find out very little. We went to the family graveyard in Benton County and his gravestone said: "Hiram Davis, 67 years." No dates. I have since gotten the dates from the 1850 and 1860 census records. Thanks for your help.

Mrs. Chesley Elder Perkins,
315 Evans Ave., SanAntonio 9, Tex.

My husband and I would like to thank the one who sent us a copy of FLASHBACK, published by the Washington County Historical Society. We were so pleased to receive the book. I was particularly interested in the 1830 census, page 51. A William Gardner was listed. We went to Fayetteville to try and trace the William Gardner family and I wonder if this "Head of Family", William Gardner, had a son, George Gordon Gardner, born April 2, 1831. Is there any way of finding out if the William Gardner in the census was born Mar. 27, 1800, married in 1825 Maria E. English, born Nov. 7, 1805? My husband and I enjoyed our brief stay in Fayetteville.

Mrs. Hubert Sandner,
64 San Mateo Road, Berkeley 7, Calif.

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Enclosed are my 1961 dues for the WashingtonCounty Historical Society. I have certainly enjoyed all the publications and our earlier correspondence concerning my McClellan ancestors of Cane Hill and my husband's McIlroy ancestors. I am still gathering material on the McClellans and hope some day to have some information which you might want to publish in FLASHBACK.

Mrs. Gerald B. McLane,
112 Leach St., Hot Springs, Ark.

I should like a copy of "Cherokee Notes" which you published. My grandfather was a Cherokee medicine man around Fayetteville and West Fork. His name was James Polk Eassum (misspelled). Also thought you might have run into something on my mother's side. Her mother's name was Nancy Anne Emery before she married my grandfather. The neighbors up there (West Fork) told me they dug lead and made bullets at the edge of our farm during the Civil War. Also, there was a big rock on our place with an Indian chief's head carved on it.

Mrs. R. Kohn,
241 W Hwy 81, New Braunfels, Texas

Enclosed check for $2 for a copy of "Captain Miller of the 20th Wisconsin." I saw the review in the Arkansas Gazette. I am working on a thesis, "The Role of the Christian Church during the Civil War." If your historical society has published anything on the role of the church -- Protestant, Catholic or Jewish -- in connection with the war or reconstruction, I would appreciate knowing about it. Being a native of Arkansas and a former citizen of Rogers, I am particularly interested in the Civil War in Arkansas.

W. L. Miller, Jr.
College ofthe Bible, Lexington 29, Ky.

Enclosed is my check for two copies of your Booklet No.20, The Alexander Family Records" by Gladys Alexander. My maternal great-grandmother was Jane Alexander, wife of W.C.Sparks,and I find these records of great interest.

Theodore H. Armstrong, M.D.
1150 Camino Cacto, Santa Fe, N.M.

You have done a wonderful job in putting out the GayNineties edition of FLASHBACK. I think the unidentified school on the page with Elkins and West Fork is Sycamore, near Littrell. It was at this place that my wife's parents on both sides went to school; also I taught there in 1911 and my wife went to school to me. Gip Newport, who is still living in his 80s, told me a few years ago he had the early records of the school. Some of the names there in 1911 were Huls, Hune, Newport, Page, Bement, Blue, Richardson, Holland, Thomas, Rollins, Littrell and many others. The school house is on the corner of the land where Will and John Rollins were reared. I knew both of them.

Alvin Seamster, RFD, Garfield, Ark.

(The unidentified school in our December number has been definitely identified. It is the Strain school wouth of Harris. Photo about 1900. -- Ed)

Due to illness I have not kept up my correspondence with Miss Nina Ferguson and Mrs. Marian Ledgerwood in regard to John Francis Marion Hash family records. I ask these ladies especially to be patient. My husband and I wish your staff and all the people we've met through letters continued success.

Mrs. Ruth Hash, R.#1, Gooding, Idaho

Enclosed check to pay my dues for 1961. I do not want to miss "The Gay Nineties" number of FLASHBACK. Having lived in Washington County for many years, anything pertaining to persons or places there is of much interest to me. I keep all the copies, to pass on to my children, all of whom were born in Washington County.

Mrs. Emma Swift, Bakersfield, Calif.

I don't know how to thank you for the publicity you gave me in the special issue of FLASHBACK. I thought I had been forgotten long ago. I have received to date 182 letters and cards (on her 90th birthday. Ed) which have brought back memories of more than 65 years in Washington County. I have had much pleasure in recalling many incidents that took place long ago. I appreciate your friendship and interest very much.

Miss Lola Ellis,
1203 W. 5th St., DeWitt, Iowa

When I was in Fayetteville last fall, I drove down to Cane Hill and went up to the "College" where I went to school in 1898. The building is no longer used as a public school and looks the part of an abandoned building. The door is open and anyone can enter. Inside there is a disarray of rubbish, dirt, and old furniture. I fear it will in time fall prey to vandals and the elements. While the building is not so old in point of time, having been built in the eighties, it should be preserved as a symbol of what old Cane Hill College meant -- the first seat of culture and learning in the state of Arkansas.

G. W. Humphreys, Nocona, Texas

My check enclosed for 1961 membership card and "Gay Nineties." Anything new that comes out, let me know. I don't want to miss a single item. Am still working on my Western Arkansas data.

(Rev.) Norman E. Ferguson,
909 N. 35th St., Fort Smith, Ark.

Just a note to let you know how very much I enjoy the FLASHBACKs that my father, Wythe Walker, sends to me. I have inherited his interest in our family history. It will be so wonderful to be able to pass down to our baby daughter, Frances Wythe, who was born Sept. 28. I am certainly looking forward to your Society's publication of "The Walker Family Pictures", which I understand will be out some time soon.

(Mrs.) Prudence Walker Martin,
2622 E. 28th St., Tulsa, Okla.

My father, Charles Andrew Barrett, was born Aug. 10, 1870 in Evansville, Washington Co., Ark., at a time when my grandfather operated a grist mill driven by water power from a local stream. The family had moved to Evansville the previous year and in late summer of 1873 moved to Texas. I am interested in learning what sort of place Evansville was in those days. When I was a boy my Grandmother used to tell me about a local feud that was in progress at the time between the Fisher and Shannon families. Her story was that the night before my father was born she stood on her doorstep and watched a gun battle that resulted in the death of two men of that feud, one of whom was Fine Shannon, a U.S. Marshall at the time. Is there any credence to this story or was it imagination on her part? I am writing a short family history and any help you can give me will be sincerely appreciated.

W. A. Barrett, 142 West Water St.,
Painted Post, New York

Please tell me whether you still have copies of the "Alexander Records" and the price. I should also like to know to which Alexander family the papers relate and whether there is any mention of a Capt. William Alexander, wife Mary Brandon, who was born in 1746, fought in the Revolution from Rowan Co., N.C., and died Sumner Co., Tenn., 1830.

Mrs. Arthur A. Thompson
722 Mathews St., Union City, Tenn.

Do you have any records of the Carters -- Jim and Beckie Carter? My mother and the other children of the family were left orphans in California when their father Jack Inks and wife died. They came back to Cane Hill to their mother's sister, Aunt Susan Hagwood. Some of the children were put in homes to help with work for their board. Some stayed at the Carters. The Carters had two daughters - Mary who married Landers, Sadie married Fleming and Jennie married Lacey. This Aunt Susan Hagwood was a Crumley. Do you know anything of the Crumleys or Carters? Jack Inks, mother's father, was a 49er and my grandfather, John Rankin Pyeatt, was also a 49er. Can you tell me who was in the party that left for California with the Pyeatts? My grandfather made a mile-a-meter and put it on his wagon wheel to see how many miles they made each day. He also kept a diary but left it in California when he started home with his son who had typhoid. This son died on the way back home and was lowered into the Gulf of Mexico.

Mrs. W. G. Ward,
2801 Vine St., Brownwood, Texas

Thanks sincerely for your nice letter. Apparently my grandfather had had the exact spot of the killing of Major Ridge pointed out to him, for he told me in his late eighties that "if I had my eyesight I could take you to the exact spot." It is tragic that we let such information get away from us.

James O. Whelchel,
1335 S.Rockford Ave., Tulsa 20, Okla.

I'm a native Arkansawyer who has been transplanted to California for a few years. I would very much like to have some history of Fayetteville. The Chamber of Commerce sent me some pamphlets but they do not go into details. Is there any way I could get copies of past issues of FLASHBACK? I am interested in the history of all Arkansas but especially Fayetteville, our old home town.

Mrs. V. L. Terry,
1538 Mitchell Ave., Escalon, Calif.

I have been referred to you by the Northwest Arkansas Times. I am searching for information on Elihu Anthony, who died and is buried in Fayetteville (August 1904). I would like to know his birth date, exact death date, birth place, his parents' names, etc. Can you help me?

Virginia Naugle, R 3, Larned, Kans.

I read in the Springfield paper of the work of the Washington County Historical Society. I am interested to know more of your procedure. I am a graduate of the U of Chicago and am doing research here in Washington. I am working on family records and am especially interested in Ozarks history. I plan to do some research at the U of Arkansas. My home is in Mt.Vernon, Mo.

Miss Pearl Rutherford,
1633 Irving St.N.W., Washington 10, D.C.

A friend of mine showed me the Historical Society magazine that she had gotten from you and it was so interesting that I would like to have a copy and join your Society. I was born and raised on Round Mountain, the daughter of John Murphy, and married Earl Gayer, son of Sam Gayer at Goshen.

Mrs. Earl Gayer,
331 N. Whittier Ave., Whittier, Calif.

Have you run across any information on what Uncle Jim VanHoose did during the war?I know about the rest of the boys but this one I don't. I know that when Federal troops were in Fayetteville he was either in service or hiding out, as Grandmother Elizabeth VanHoose Marion rode in to Fayetteville to take his watch and some papers to his wife. I noticed one of the FLASHBACKs said he was with the Federal troops but doubt this. Capt. George and Bud VanHoose were both captured at Iuka; Peter was a prisoner of war in Springfield where he died; and Zach had a crippled foot. Incidentally, Zach VanHoose was a physician --not a "woodsman and farmer." His daughter is still living in Springfield. I have had several interesting communications from others interested in the VanHoose line,for which I thank you. We are exchanging information.

Mrs. Hildy Crawford,
1149 Tamarisk Rd., Palm Springs, Calif.

I still enjoy all the historical information which comes from Washington County through the historical society's efforts. It is a never-ending wonder where all the original information comes from. Much of this mass of data would have been lost to future historians if the Society had not put out the energy necessary to encourage people to dig it out and let it be published.

Allan S. Humphreys, Point Lookout, Mo.

Enclosed check for the following: 1) my 1961 dues.I certainly enjoy the FLASHBACK. 2) A copy of John Kelton's diary. 3) A copy of Capt. Edward G. Miller's war diary. My son, a high school junior, is planning as his next term paper in history to use the subject of the battles of Prairie Grove and Pea Ridge. There is some interesting material in regard to these battles in the three-years file of FLASHBACKs that I have. After David finishes his paper, I will put the booklets in his high school library. These people don't even know that Prairie Grove and Pea Ridge existed. One of his teachers is interested in the Civil War and when he learned that David had been to those two battlefields, he suggested David write on them. Thank you for your help.

Mrs. Hugh L. Phillips,
10766 S.Stelling, Cupertino, Calif.

My mother is descended from James Withrow through two of his sons, Robert of DeKalb Co., Ala., and Richard of near Huntsville, Ark. Her mother was reared near War Eagle in Benton County where the Withrows had a mill. We think there are descendants of Richard Withrow still living there and my mother would like to contact them. Richard Withrow and Clarissa Clark are listed in Goodspeed's History of Northwest Arkansas. My mother is now 79 years old and would be happy to share the information we have collected with any interested descendants. Also, my father's relatives, the Pettigrews and McCombs, lived near there. I would like to contact any of them that you may know of.

Miss Anne Daugherty,
702 N.Mesa, Apt.3, Carlsbad, NewMexico

Having been told you might be able to help me with a problem concerning early-day Washington County, I am turning to you for any help you will be good enough to give me. On the 1840 census of Vineyard Township, Washington Co., Ak., I find the following:
John M. Blagg (my maternal great-grandfather), 1 male under 5 years, 1 male 5-10 years, 2 males 10-15 years, 1 male 15-20 years, 1 male 30-40 years, 1 female under 5 years, 1 female 5-10 years, 1 female 15-20 years and 1 female 30-40 years. This record indicates a man and his wife, 5 sons and 3 daughters.

According to the 1840 census, there lived at the house or place next to John M. Blagg, one M.D. Edwards, a male of 40-50 years with a wife and several small children. At the house or place next to M.D.Edwards lived: Israel Blagg, 1 male under 5 years, 1 male 5-10 years, 1 male 30-40 years, 1 female under 5 years, 1 female 5-10 years and 1 female 20-30 years. There is nothing in our family records that would indicate John M. Blagg and Israel Blagg were brothers but they might have been.

My maternal grandfather, Sanford Harrison Blagg, was born in Washington Co., Ark., on Dec. 13, 1840. According to incomplete family records, my grandfather Sanford Harrison Blagg had three full sisters and three full brothers, as follows: Polly Ann Blagg who married John H. Choate, Caroline Blagg who married I.R. Forrest, Betsy Jane Blagg who married a Fields, Charley Blagg, Jess Blagg, Wm.Anderson Blagg.

I have not been able to locate John M. Blagg on any 1850 census record either in northwest Arkansas or northeast Texas. I did locate on the 1850 census records, the following:

1850 Census, Prairie Township, Franklin County, Arkansas

# 495 -	John Jackson	Age 30	W	Male	Farmer	Born Georgia
	Mary Jackson	Age 27	W	Fem.	Hskpr	Born Tennessee
Also living in this household						
	Caroline Blagg	Age 14	W	Fem.		Born Tennessee
	Sanford Blagg	Age 10	W	Male		Born Arkansas

These last two, I am sure, are my Grandfather Sanford Harrison Blagg and his sister Caroline.

The next record of John M. Blagg that I have been able to locate is his purchase of 120 acres of land on Mar. 2, 1853 from John J. Jackson in Scott (now Logan) County, Arkansas. Also, about 1853 John M. Blagg married Eliza Perkins. John M. Blagg and wife Eliza E., 2 sons and 2 daughters are on the 1860 census of Reville Township, Scott (now Logan County) Arkansas. John M. Blagg was born in South Carolina March 9, 1802 and died in Logan County, Arkansas, Aug. 7, 1877.

Now to get back to my problem -- where was John M. Blagg for about 11 or 12 years between the 1840 Washington County census and his purchase of land in Scott County, Ark. on March 2, 1853? Why cannot he be found on an 1850 census record? What was the name of his wife, mother of Sanford Harrison Blagg? Did she die in Washington County, Ark. and is she buried there? If so, where was she buried? Is there anything in the records of your Society that would help with any of these questions? Or do you have access to any records that would help answer them? I would be grateful for any help that I can get.

William Kenard McCaskill,
1500 W. 9th St., Plainview, Texas

HARNESS - DEARING - BILLINGSLEY

I have collected some of my material (Dearing, Harness, Billingsley) and if you want to look it over, I will send it. I have the marriage license of Christopher C. Dearing and Isabella Jane Sawyer, written in longhand by Rev.Buchanan. I have the Harness bible records written in old colonial script and the bible records of John M. Dearing, Gilbert W. Dearing and John S. Dearing.

The Harness bible records that I have and the ones in the records there do not agree. According to the family bible, John Harness married Sophia Bonham and the records go unbroken until 1863 with the first death of a son. John had a son Christie Harness who was hanged at 16 by bushwhackers, for no known reason. I believe the Christly Harness in the 1829 Washington County sheriff's census was a John Christie Harness. It might have been if he were born about 1790. My great-grandfather John was born in 1810. If anyone can help me on this problem, I would be grateful.

This is from the Harness bible:
John Harness was born October the 1st, 1810
John Harness and Sophia Bonham was married Oct. the 6th, 1831
William B. Harness and Margaret Jane Harness was born July 27, 1837
Sophia Matilda Harness was born June the 19th, 1844
Christy Harness was born March the 31, 1848
Tabitha R. Harness was born September the 15 (?), 1851
Alpha Adeline Harness was born December the 6th, 1854
John Harness Jr. was born February the 10th, 1860
Mary Jane Sary was born April the 15th, 1854
Sterlin (Sterling) C. Harness was born Sept. 4, 1862 and departed this life August 1863.

This bible was published 1850, so the first entries were made probably in 1851. Evidently Christy Harness was killed in 1864 or 1865. The date of birth of Sophia Bonham is not given. I wonder whether she or John Harness made the entries.

I am still checking the Billingsley line. As far as I know, my great-great-great-grandfather, Major James S. Billingsley, did not live at Cane Hill, so I wonder if the one mentioned in the records could be James, the son of John and Martha Blair Billingsley. My mother said that Major James Billingsley scooped the leaves out of the spring where the old Billingsley home was and that he was the first settler in that valley. It might be that he and his son John built the house and he moved to Crawford County later.

Mrs. Harold T. Barr,
409 Cornell Ave., Baton Rouge, La.

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A number of my friends have received their copy of "The Gay Nineties" and all have expressed high praise for the publication. My own personal thanks is offered to you for the enormous amount of work you have performed in promoting, maintaining, and developing the Washington County Historical Society.

Harold Henson, Springdale, Ark.

FORGOTTEN PIONEER GRAVEYARDS

There has been no mention in FLASHBACK of the little family cemetery of the Drake family just south of Lincoln in Bush Valley. This was once the location of a little church called Sardis. The little cemetery is enclosed in a wall of rock. It is small, with only 13 markers. The earliest graves are those of the children of James Drake. Steven died in 1831 and James in 1836. James Drake died in 1857. There is another child near his grave but the inscription is very dim.

A daughter, Martha Jane Davis who married James Pyeatte, is there -- late 1889. Margaret Samantha Pyeatte, wife of Ben M. Mitchell, was buried there in 1895. Also their daughter Tillie and another child. There are five more graves in the Mitchell row but the stones are too dim to be read. Beside Martha Jane Pyeatte is another grave but again the inscription is dim. It could be James Pyeatte. William Shannon of Lincoln states that a child, the brother of his father, T. L. Shannon, was buried there. The Drakes are ancestors of the Shannons, Rineharts, and Mrs. Clifton Wade of Fayetteville.

Another forgotten family cemetery is on the farm now owned by Bill Gush. James Pyeatte is buried there in 1828. There are about 19 graves there, some members of the early Pyeatte family and some slaves.

Mrs. George Hilton, Lincoln, Ark.

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I would appreciate any information (dates and places) you may have in regard to celebrations or pageants that will be given during this year's Civil War Centennial in Arkansas and Missouri.

Willard N. McClintock, 2102 Ave. B, Council Bluffs, Iowa

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